



Cityside  
Annual  
Report

2017

# AGM 2017 Agenda

1. **Open (Mark)**
2. **Adopt minutes from previous (2016) meeting (Mark)**
3. **Celebrate Cityside values (Nigel)**
  - a. In small groups share individually responding to the question: "What is one thing you value about the Cityside Baptist Church Community?"
  - b. Returning to the larger group, share 5 - 8 things that emerged as having resonance from small groups
4. **Introduction to the Annual Report (Stu)**
5. **Opportunity for responses to the Annual Report (Nigel to facilitate)**
6. **Children's Space update - (Nigel/Sarah)**
7. **Financial Report - (Nigel)**
8. **Building Space Use**
  - a. Damaris to present short report
  - b. Opportunity for responses/questions (Nigel to facilitate)
9. **Thanks to outgoing Council members (Stu):**
  - a. Nicky Maplesden
  - b. Holly Friis
  - c. Craig Drown (retaining 'Helper with Finances' role)
  - d. Note that Saul stepped down at end of 2016
10. **Voting on new members of Council (Mark).**

Nominated people include:

  - Richard Taylor (MT)
  - Peter Mathewson (CL)
  - Hayley Drown (CL)
  - Ariel Barling (MT)
  - Grant Bayldon (CL)
11. **Appoint 2 scrutineers (Mark)**
  - a. Conduct the vote (Mark)
12. **Looking forward - Discussion about future of Mt Eden area and Cityside - Stu to lead this**
13. **Report back from scrutineers on results of vote (Mark)**

# AGM 2016 Minutes for adoption

**Chair:** Grant Bayldon  
**Scribe:** Helen Dallaston  
**Start time:** 10:15 28/08/2016  
**Finish time:** 12:15

**Present:** Shannon Hatalafale, Trish Lowe, Terry Lowe, Helen Dallaston, Roxie Haines, Jordan Friis, Holly Friis, Nicky Gumbrell, Kimberley Madden-Snod, Fergus McKinlay, Evelyn Cornes, Nicola Brehaut, Joanna Smith, Helen Bayldon, Nicola Maplesden, Vernon Rive, Caspian Rive, Isa Rive, karen Haines, Kit Haines, Mark Haines, Hayley Drown, Craig Drown, Juliet Drown, Simon Yule, Hyunsil Bedingfield, Duncan Philips, Ri Weal, Nicola McMeikan, Alister Kitchen, Alison Vogel, Richard Taylor, Michelle Parkinson, Saul Parkinson, Chris Russell, Frances Russell, Sarah Heeringa, Bronwyn Babbage, Duncan Babbage, Mark Prins, Kirsten Prins, Nigel Smith, Ian Atkins, Sandra Atkins, Michelle McKinlay, Jenny De Leon, Adee Wood

**Apologies:** Derek McCormack, Vincent Heeringa, Matt Gumbrell, Jeannie Cochrane, Brenda Liddiard, Mark Laurent, Ross Bedingfield, Chris McKinlay, Danny De Leon

## 1. Open

## 2. Adopt minutes from 2015 meeting (Grant)

- a. **MOVED BY GRANT**, seconded by Ian Atkins, that these be accepted as a true and accurate record. Carried.

## 3. Introduction to Annual Report

- a. **STU** Acknowledged that here has been a 'pause' in his ministry role for the past 7 months. Looking forward, he is keen to develop the capacity for Cityside to speak out further on issues other than same-sex marriage, for example, on biculturalism.
- b. **KIRSTEN** Stressed the gratitude aspect of her comments and emphasized the

challenge to us as a congregation to see morning tea as a continuation of the service. Those interactions after the service between the various age groups are an important part of the weaving of the younger ones into the life of Cityside.

## 4. Opportunity for feedback/questions on Annual Report

### a. Grant's Unscientific Analysis of the written feedback:

**HELEN** and **GRANT** noted some of the words / phrases that came up often in the feedback forms. (Note that what follows is a random sample of that analysis.)

- i. *On the positives about Cityside:* people, participation, Children's Space, Camp, Winter Solstice, services and stations, sermons, Contemplation and Conversation, Connect, Kinetic...
- ii. *For what could be done better:* more intentional / practical pastoral care, more social events, being more outward-looking, further developing our building spaces
- iii. *And some other suggestions:* introduce brewing, table tennis and more political action

## 5. Pastoral Care Discussion

- a. This was prompted by **MICHELLE PARKINSON's** question from the floor: **how can we better support those in our community?**
  - i. **COUNCIL:** There has already been discussion around building a pastoral team that is separate from Council. Need for a cultural shift if this is to happen i.e. not just ministers' doing visiting etc

- ii. **JULIET:** Danger of over-burdening those already doing lots for Cityside. What other options/models are there?
  - iii. **SARAH H:** Bring back the 5th Sunday brunches? (A tradition that seems to have been lost)
  - iv. **STU:** It's essential that people tell him what's happening i.e. he can't guess when someone needs some pastoral care
  - v. **JENNY DE L:** Against a pastoral care group. Dangerous 'cos of ethical issues around boundaries, intimacy, confidentiality BUT we all need to be pastoral carers via morning tea conversations, etc
  - vi. **JULIET:** Important to distinguish between pastoral and therapeutic care i.e there are different levels of problems eg. falling off a bike, death of a parent, new baby in contrast to deep, complex, ongoing issues. A pastoral care team could direct people to an appropriate place for the latter type of issue.
  - vii. **SHANNON:** There are already some structures in place that support pastoral care eg. Contemplation and Conversation
  - viii. **QUESTION ASKED:** do we want to try something more formal than present 'system'?
  - ix. **SAUL:** let the CL group do some more work on this
  - x. **NIGEL:** We are looking for whanaungatanga  
(*Def'n from dictionary included here by Helen D!* "Relationship, kinship, sense of family connection: a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging. It develops as a result of kinship rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. It also extends to others to whom one develops a close familial, friendship or reciprocal relationship")
  - xi. **FERGUS:** need to accept that as a group we are busy and geographically dispersed so danger of burnout. The pastoral care issue is a complex one that's been around for ages. A genuinely new idea/approach is needed. Noted that it's the people on the margins who get left out.
  - xii. **IAN:** finding just one solution is unlikely
  - xiii. **STU:** at present he focuses on the fringe. Sometimes he can link a more 'marginalized' person to a 'core' person and this can work well. Stressed again the need for members to talk to the 3 pastors so that they know what's going on.
- 6. Financial report (Craig)**
- a. **CRAIG D** reported that revenue roughly equals expenditure at present : ) Along with some novel suggestions re use of the \$19,000 surplus, he announced that we can at last afford to pay Kirsten at her proper rate of 0.4, as intended at her time of appointment. (Claps all around!) This has now been actioned by MT.
  - b. Art space is doing well with Damaris gradually expanding the tenancy aspect.
  - c. Special mention of the extensive and high quality work done by Claude Dewerse during his last 18 months in particular at Cityside. Very grateful.
  - d. A cherry picker will be coming soon to update the signage and also check high places of the building re maintenance needs. Re roof, we have \$60,000 set aside for this though a roofer said a complete re-roofing is only needed every 30: 35 years. (Craig emphasized though, that large maintenance bills can arise very suddenly and unexpectedly.)

- e. Damaris is not sure at present, whether she will carry on in the long-term. (Okay for next 12 months though.)

**7. Prayer for our church**

- a. In groups of about four, we took time to pray for Cityside.

**8. Voting on Council members (and expression of thanks to those stepping down)**

- a. **SCRUTINEERS** Mark P, Ian and Helen B appointed.
- b. **RESULTS OF VOTING:** Vernon Rive and Nigel Smith appointed to CL. Sarah Heeringa appointed to MT. (More claps and gratitude!)
- c. **STU** thanked Helen D (now off CL) along with other CL. Very heavy workload of MT was acknowledged (new Health and Safety requirements) and Simon Y and Claude mentioned in particular for their work.

**9. Update on Health and Safety changes (Stu)**

- a. **STU** emphasized that with recent law changes, we must all now step in and take responsibility for each other's H & S. Cityside is a workplace and we are legally required to do so.
- b. A detailed power point was presented to emphasize what 'due diligence' looks like. (*Insert link here to presentation?*) This included an extensive list of things that are to be put in place, along with what has already been actioned.
- c. Renee M-K, Stu, Damaris and Simon Y are the Cityside H & S committee. See them with any concerns.

**10. Membership Minimum age discussion (Stu)**

- a. **STU** presented the following motion which was then discussed: *"That the age of membership be open, but we recommend that candidates under the age of 16 talk over their desire to become a member with*

*a Council or Pastoral Team member before making this commitment."*

- b. **DUNCAN B:** the age of baptism is 15 so needs to be consistent
- c. **MARK P:** what are the legal implications / responsibilities of becoming a member?
- d. **KIRSTEN:** would like us to have a stated age for joining so that membership is valued as a significant rite of passage
- e. **DUNCAN B:** with our rather loose approach around who can join, we need to ensure that we are not vulnerable to an orchestrated, online take-over in the context of our internet age.
- f. **MICHELLE P:** for both baptism and membership, it's about maturity not age
- g. (*Somewhere in here, it was suggested that MT purchase a wireless microphone to facilitate better communication in our church space.*)
- h. **HOLLY:** who would decide where the line is around 'maturity'?
- i. **MICHELLE MCK:** There are dangers in making self-awareness the guide
- j. **SANDRA A:** we need to ask our teenagers what *they* think re this issue
- k. **FRANCES RUSSELL:** The Cityside teenagers are amazing and also impressively integrated into the life of the congregation; one of the reasons they were drawn to this church. Stressed importance of Sandra's comment above.

**Recommendation: that CL work further on this, including consultation with our teenagers as part of the process.**

**11. Close**

The meeting concluded about 12.15

# Stu's Annual Report

At our recent curator's get-together I was asked the question "what is church?"

I think this is a great question and well worth revisiting from time to time. Obviously we all have different answers to this question and no doubt those answers have evolved over time. My answer will be a familiar metaphor but nevertheless it is the one I gave and I believe it's still valuable.

I think that Church is fundamentally a well where we can quench our spiritual thirst. It's a space created by a gathered group who share hope that together we can drink deeply from the 'water of life' that is found in Jesus the Christ.

There seems to be a lot of wells in different places and at different points along our various journeys so, while ours may not be the only one, we can still identify it as *our* well. There is a community built around it and a set of values have emerged through a myriad of conversations and flourishing ideas. Our well is essential to who we are and what we can offer.

At the risk of overextending the metaphor, a well is both static in location and long in endurance. It doesn't do a lot of changing—even the water it yields won't vary much in its taste and quality. But there's usually plenty of activity surrounding a well. If a community develops around a well then we'll notice many things. What kind of events and gatherings are taking place, how people are communicating and actuating their values, how they are engaging and living with each other and, if we are lucky, how the community is changing and evolving through time.

Having said all that, various people's *experience* and *expectations* of the water can be quite different. On any given day some will find drinking it refreshing, some will find it a banal 'going through the motions' and others will simply just find it necessary. Church is full of variation and difference in both experience and expectation. I think that if we focus on the water then accepting difference will be easier—both as giver and receiver. Like

the well, if we focus on the water then our 'reason for being' as a community is much clearer.

To the point where we are helping people quenching their thirst, I think we are doing pretty good job.

I have been heartened by feedback from a number of people on how they feel Cityside is going well at the moment. There are plenty of things to be grateful for and there are some ideas sparking that may well gain some more traction in the future.

Having said that, I want to acknowledge the collective sadness we experienced (and that some of us are still experiencing) when Kirsten resigned. The impact of her departure on us has been considerable and deeply felt. It was a significant role that we have needed to do our best to fill and to that end, Sarah and the team have been amazing.

So, cognisant of what I have written to this point, I offer my report on where I see things are at.

## COUNCIL

It's an understatement to say that since last year's AGM they have had a lot to carry. It's not easy at the best of times, but with some of the transitions they've had to manage, I think we should be exceedingly grateful for their care and constancy. They have put many, many hours into the life of our community and have engaged in some significant issues on your behalf. I encourage you to take the time to thank them in person as it can often feel like a thankless task.

To those who are continuing on in the Council roles I express gratitude to (*\*These aren't comprehensive lists at all btw!*):

- **NIGEL SMITH** for chairing our meetings, for his leadership in negotiating the twists and turns in our road and for his frank and open discussions with me.
- **SARAH HEERINGA** who took on the responsibility for Children's space for the first two terms of this year—which being voluntary was a huge

task. The work she has put into organising and consolidating the resources is brilliant and is keeping us moving positively ahead.

- **BRENDA LIDDIARD** for her wisdom and pastoral concern for our community. It's been a busy year for her and we are grateful for the time and energy she's been able to give to us.
- **VERNON RIVE** who brings a sense of clarity to discussions and his deep care for our community and for helping with some of the legal-speak on the Mei Chen opinions on Marriage Equality and the Baptist Union.

To those who are stepping down I want to thank  
(\*To reiterate! These are not comprehensive lists!):

- **NICKI MAPELSDEN** for all the work she has done around contracts and policies—two thankless, time-consuming but important tasks. I also appreciate how she has liaised with Damaris and brought the Property Agent role into fruition.
- **HOLLY BARNARD** who made connections with the Fusion peeps (fusionistas?) and Matrix teens. She brought a great energy into our meetings and often made sage observations during discussions. These last two years were a tough first stint and I am glad she was able to be part of us. (She *totally pwned* the thankless task of minute-taking too!)
- **CRAIG DROWN** for all the work he's put into looking after our finances, helping out Hyunsil and his input in the property management/leasing and rentals. Ah yes—and the provisioning of some of the tech stuff around the place. I'm thankful too that he's sticking around as the "Helper with Finances" person

## SERVICES

These have been a highlight for me. The curation team have consistently brought thoughtful, well constructed services to us each Sunday and there are still a great number of voices being heard. Personal highlights for me have been  
(\*Once More: This isn't a comprehensive list!):

- **ADVENT IN ART** presentations and the **CITYSIDE HORNS**, the **SATBS** and the **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**.
- **COPTIC ORTHODOX EASTER AND LENT**. It was fascinating to follow something less protestant for 10 or so weeks. Easter Sunday was a blast and I really enjoyed curating the *A Very Dalí Friday* Good Friday service (around 20 attended too which was nice!).
- I was surprised how well received the **SEVEN CONTRARY VIRTUES** series was. It was interesting to revisit some old-timey words and see if we could re-assimilate them into our christian-speak. I doubt we did the latter, but it was good to explore them again—especially with Dante's help!
- I am enjoying the use of various **WORKS OF ART** in the sermons.
- It seems so long ago, but working through **THE SEVEN SIGNS OF JESUS** leading up to Advent last year provided a great chance to immerse ourselves in the Gospel narrative—especially with St. John's take on things.
- **THE MATRIX LED SERVICE** — I mean wow, what a delight to witness our teenagers deliver such a profound and thought-provoking service!

Thanks also to Jeannie for organising the communion setup and I'm looking forward to continuing with finding gluten free bread solutions.

I want to express a special thanks to Adee Wood who concluded her longstanding role of Music Curator. We acknowledge your commitment and care to ensure balance and sensitivity in an area that can elicit strong and opposing feelings. I am also grateful for Bronwyn

Babbage taking up the role. I'm enjoying seeing a bit of a band playing on occasion and some of the kids/youth getting involved too.

## ENGAGING WITH MĀORI AND TE TIRITI

I am beginning to engage on working out how Cityside can pursue our bi-cultural journey. I have met with David Moko from the Baptist Union and we've had a good discussion about how constitutional change in the Baptist Union could be implemented. I'm not carrying the load of this but it will be good to support and get involved at some level.

I've also asked a friend of mine from Ngāti Whātua if they would be open to some Citysiders meeting with them later this year simply to hear their story. My hope is that we may be able to understand more of the history of the land on which we worship and also develop through that process the beginnings of establishing a relationship with our local Iwi.

I was also glad to have been a part of the Huia Come Home seminar led by Jay Lucas. This was a seminar exploring historic injustice and the Christian role/response throughout that time. There were several Citysiders who attended so there is definitely a sense that this is good for us to be exploring.

I am still part of the Tamaki Treaty Workers group but have been unable to attend quite a few of the meetings this year due to other commitments that have come up.

## PASTORAL CARE

I've enjoyed keeping up with the visiting with averaging 2–3 visits a week in 2016 to 4–5 as this year (partly because I'm working 0.8 most weeks now). The Cityside cookup was a great success (thanks to Helen Dallaston who helped me with the preliminary discussion and Jeannie and Hayley who helped with the recipes and Upper Room church who I stole the idea from!). It is good to have a freezer stocked and ready to be distributed. Already other Citysiders have taken some meals to people in need e.g. a family who is not part of

Cityside but lost their daughter last week. To be able to provide this kindness is a very good thing.

I began running the Baptism classes with a slightly modified version of Brenda Rockell's excellent workbook and have three people interested at this stage.

It was a blast to head down to Easter Camp for the day. It's always good to see teenagers in their natural habitat—our group are awesome.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

This is the gift that keeps on giving. We are still plodding our way through this stuff and have instigated monthly site meetings between Damaris, Hyunsil and myself (with special guest Simon Yule from time to time). These are to talk about any rental and health and safety issues that need attention. The biggest project that has taken much of the time and energy has been making the basement outside exits compliant for fire regulations. That and ongoing issues with Wormald's lack of communication, another consultant being a bit slow to get back on some things it turns out that what would have been a quick process has ended up drawing into months. I anticipate that we will have a revised fire evacuation plan and training by term four this year ready for some fire-drills.

We have appointed Damaris to "break the back" of the Health and Safety policies and documentation. We want to assimilate various sources into the one streamlined and readable set. The problem with policies around this is making a document small enough but comprehensive enough for people to actually read—if anyone knows the secret sweet spot for that, let me know.



## BUILDING HIRE

There is a lot of activity in our buildings now which is excellent and provides a nice feel during the day and at night. I am unaware of any instance where Citysiders have been unable to use the premises under the new arrangement. Damaris has kept on top of things even with a bit of poor health recently. The type of clients she is bringing in and the way she is being transparent with council when issues arise has been excellent.

Although this is not a major earner for us, I see it as a very positive thing that people who would otherwise not set foot inside a church have come away with good vibes about our place. This exposure is key to forming a sense of holding a special place in our wider community.

Of course there are niggles that come with this—furniture not put back right, sound-desk settings out of whack, toilets a bit dirtier, benches not quite wiped down properly etc etc etc. Damaris has been responsive concerns that have been raised from building use and addressed them to minimise the impact in future. So far it's been a small price to pay but keep letting us know if things aren't

put back etc as we can, in most cases, address the issue quickly to ensure it won't happen again.

I appreciate everyone's patience while we've brought this change onboard.

## CONCLUSION

It is also appropriate for me to thank Hyunsil for all her help and patience in the admin/children's space and keeping an eye on all the things that fall through the cracks. She does so many things that we take for granted but would notice if they weren't done. I am exceedingly grateful for her presence and competence in her role at Cityside.

All in all, I think that we are in a good space. We have much to appreciate about Cityside and I look forward to giving you a heads up at the AGM on where I think we can engage in the coming year and beyond.

Thank you for supporting me in this role. It is a privilege to serve and to work with such a special, rich, diverse and caring group of people.

Arohanui,  
Stu McGregor

# Matrix Annual Report

*Reflections on Matrix over the last year...*

**NEW TEENS...** well some of them are new! And some them have been with Matrix for a good long while...by the time of the AGM there will be 23 teens on the roll!

**NEW LEADERS...** A big shout out to Vince and Murray, who have stepped up and brought their excellent selves, skills, knowledge, passion to the group. And Michelle P, who deserves every single round of applause the teens spontaneously give her when she leads discussions! And Stu, for showing and sharing a continuing interest in the development of our spiritual faith

**NEW COUCHES...** a nod to Nigel, for getting rid of that really disgusting old sofa bed thing that used to be upstairs and got relegated to the basement, and delivering 2 very comfy and styley new couches. We needed more seating as the group gets bigger. I'd also like to especially thank Nicki M, Simon Y, Damaris and Sarah H for working to make our basement a safe place for the teens to meet. Fire exits are not particularly exciting until they are needed, and I appreciate your work on making sure we get safe access out of the building.

**NEW DISCUSSIONS...** The content of Sunday basement sessions has included some great

discussions on theology, world views, gender identity, baptism, stewardship and the environment, as well as time to catch up, reflect on services, and pray together. Each of us has something to offer, and it's lovely to hear the range of voices. Our teens are growing in wisdom, care, and thoughtfulness.

**NEW FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES...** last year the Matrix teens hosted the first ever Cityside OpShop Ball. The teens worked hard to make food, move furniture, sell tickets, play music and ensure that everyone had a good time on the night. They raised about \$800 for Josephine, our sponsor child. This year we're aiming for a themed Virtual Garage Sale. We'll keep you posted!

My hope and prayer is for Matrix to feel connected to God, to each other and the wider Cityside community, and to our environment. And that we as a community will engage with and value our teenagers as individuals. Thank you to the parents and families of our young people, who are doing a fabulous job of growing thoughtful, engaged, caring and fun youth, who will no doubt change the world.

Helen Bayldon  
*August 2017*

# Cityside Financial Report August 2017

**1. Cityside’s Finances explained in 4 bullet points**

- a. Our offering income was down a bit (\$3000)
- b. Our rental income was up a bit. (\$6000)
- c. Our expenses were the same.
- d. Overall we made the same surplus as last year (\$19,000), and the year before.

**2. Why no charts?**

Charts that show you “same as last year” aren’t very interesting.

**3. But what does it all mean?**

We’re in about the place we wanted to be when paying a Children & Youth coordinator. As the role hasn’t been filled, the money we would have paid them is our surplus for this year.

We have about \$110,000 in cash of which \$70,000 is set aside for building maintenance. So we have a reasonable amount in reserve (\$40,000)- not too much, but enough to ensure we can pay wages while enduring a medium sized surprise.

**4. Weren’t we a bit worried about our income a few months ago?**

OK, a chart. Each bar is the giving total for the previous 12 months. So you can see around Jan/ Feb things were heading South. Thanks very much

to everyone who responded. We’re now in an OK position again, and that’s a great place to be.

**5. Tenants tenants everywhere.**

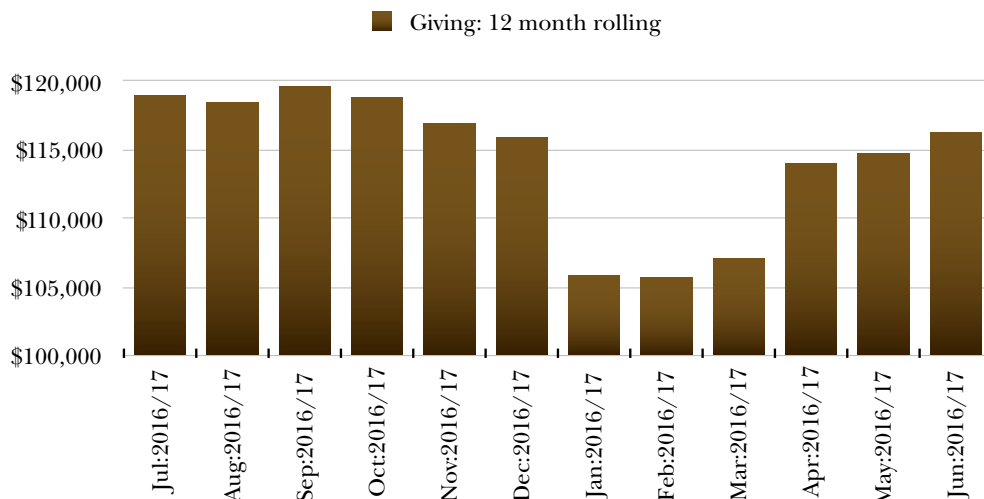
From a financial point of view the extra tenants make a significant but not huge contribution. (The extra will cover around 6% of our budget in the coming year). We should note that it results in extra income for Damaris (\$6000 in the last year) which does help make her role, and that of Artspace more sustainable. We’ve always said it’s not just about the money- generally the groups that use Cityside are doing good things, and might not be able to do them so easily if they didn’t find a welcoming home with reasonable rental costs.

**6. Thanks to Hyunsil for keeping the accounts in order. Love yer work!**

Thanks to Damaris for all the stuff you’ve done to build a great community of tenants, and for being patient with us all. Having a committee as landlord is cruel and unusual punishment.

Nicki has done heaps on health and safety, and Simon has spent his uni holidays sorting out a whole lot of changes to the building to make it safer and more rentable. What a team!

Craig  
August 2017.



# Cityside Baptist Church Balance Sheet

AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

<b>CAPITAL</b>	This Year	Last Year End
Building equity	1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00
Retained Earnings	135,717.77	135,717.77
Profit and Loss	41,267.03	22,561.95
	<u>1,726,984.80</u>	<u>1,708,279.72</u>
Plus Current Year Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	19,597.27	18,705.08
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,746,582.07</u></u>	<u><u>1,726,984.80</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cheque Account	43,815.74	34,535.15
Business First Oncall acc	66,200.08	50,992.15
Term Deposit (BSDS)	12,611.08	12,198.99
Marie Jamieson Trust	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment	5,803.68	1,890.64
Equipment accumulated depreciation	(637.76)	(637.76)
Furniture & Fixtures	2,465.00	2,465.00
GST Paid	0.00	(2,041.30)
Accounts Receivable	3,919.96	3,376.03
	<u>135,177.78</u>	<u>103,778.90</u>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Maintenance	70,000.00	60,000.00
GST Holding (to/from IRD)	2,029.83	228.22
	<u>72,029.83</u>	<u>60,228.22</u>
<b>NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>	63,147.95	43,550.68
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
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>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>1,746,582.07</u></u>	<u><u>1,726,984.80</u></u>

# Rentals Report July '16 – July '17

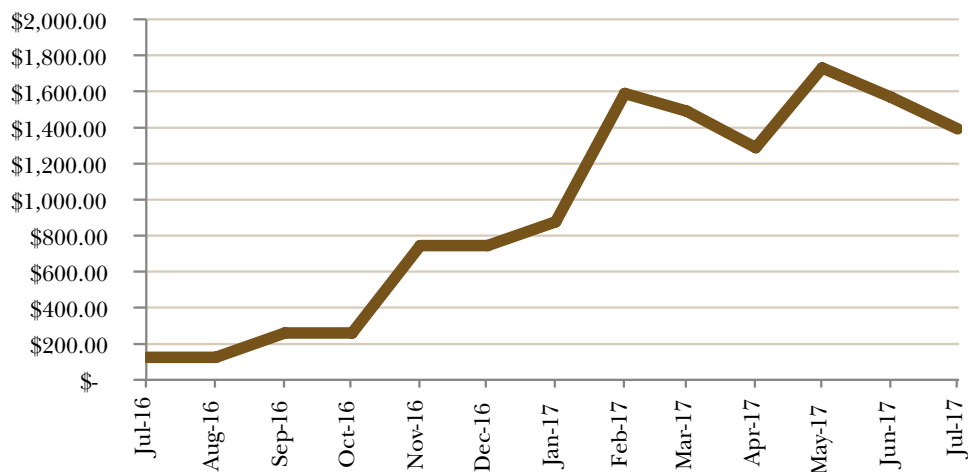
## SNAPSHOT:

The spaces indicated in the figures below include:

- The main auditorium
- The hall and kitchen area
- The upstairs meeting room
- Two small offices on the mezzanine floor

## Rentals income — Last 12 months

— Amount per month



## TYPES OF GROUPS USING CITYSIDE

### 1. The Arts

- Acting Rehearsals/Classes
- Dancing Rehearsals
- Band practices
- Drawing classes
- Courses in creative process development
- Photo shoots
- Film and TV location
- Fashion design workshop

### 2. Holistic Health

- Meditation Classes
- Yoga

### 3. Not-for-Profits and community groups

- Environmental advocates
- Health and Housing advocates
- Emotional wellness groups
- Social services
- Overseas aid organisations
- Private creative development

### 4. Local Business

- Team Training Days

## FAQS – CITYSIDE RENTALS

### 1. What are Cityside Rentals? Where are we on the time-line of this project?

In April 2016, a pilot scheme for renting Cityside community spaces was established with Damaris Kingdon. In April 2017, Cityside members voted to formally extend this agreement. Damaris operates in this capacity under her own company name of 8SPACE Ltd.

The goal of the rental scheme was to create much needed income for the church with the added potential to connect with communities that naturally align with interests and values of Citysiders.

In renting space to outside groups, a key priority has been to keep Cityside spaces available for Cityside/rs to use. Most requests from Citysiders can be accommodated in terms of bookings as long as there is a couple of weeks notice. Many of the bookings that are made on a regular basis are offered on the proviso that if Cityside/rs wish to use the space, the renter will make way.

Cityside rentals are a different arrangement to the leases that are held with the church on the 2nd level and on some of the storage spaces in the basement. These spaces are not included in the figures or descriptions provided in the snapshot.

For the sake of perspective, it is worth knowing that the upstairs lease has been in place since August 2013 and the Music rehearsal space in the basement since late 2015. Both are leased by 8SPACE. Other space in the basement is rented by other companies and individuals.

### 2. What's in it for 8SPACE Ltd as a company?

Damaris Kingdon is the owner/operator and single-shareholder for 8SPACE Ltd. The company provides a legal structure for Damaris' operations. 8SPACE Ltd earns income from the arrangement on a commission basis. This means there is no retainer income provided by Cityside. There is only income for 8SPACE if there is income for Cityside.

### 3. What is the vision, mission, and intention of 8SPACE/Damaris in relation to Cityside Rentals?

8SPACE strategic profile for Cityside Rentals:

- Vision:**  
To grow the Cityside community
- Mission:**
  - Increase the number of creative and socially conscious individuals connecting with the Cityside community.
  - Create sustainable income for Cityside.
  - Embody an inclusive, just and listening Christian Spirituality

### 3. Values: 8SPACE values:

**PEACEFULNESS:** calm operations and modes of response

**POSITIVITY** - what's important to us can be achieved

**RELAXED CLEANLINESS:** personal responsibility for our working environment is taken in a relaxed manner

**VALUE FOR MONEY** - To offer quality and rewarding products/services

**GENEROUSITY IN RELATIONSHIP:** to promote the comfort and success of others, looking for ways to be good to each other.

**EMOTIONAL CLARITY** - to affirm one another's efforts and be honest when things don't suit us, and thus protect the working atmosphere

**RESPECT:** to treat each other well and be courteous as a matter of habit.

**OPEN COMMUNICATION:** to trust that we can work through challenges and differences of opinion.

**SOLUTION FOCUSED:** troubles are not the end, but rather the beginning of something worth doing or learning.



# More Voices!



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Caspian	14
Anon	
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**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):**

Cityside is a like a well that I come to weekly for spiritual refreshment. I am encouraged and challenged by hearing other people's expressions of faith.

to be and stay committed when it is not spiritually what (I think) is enough

It's given me a group of people to journey with (the absence of which has become especially sharp now I've left Auckland). I feel like Cityside is my "tribe", where I find other people in a similar spiritual space and don't have to edit myself to fit in. That in itself helps with my spiritual formation – the sense of having fellow travellers.

Being part of this rich community has sustained me this year. I love the different perspectives on faith journeys that I get through conversations and from people's input in our services. Thanks Stu for your regular thoughtful and thought-provoking input. All this input contributes to my reflecting/thinking and to my spiritual practice.

Journeying with the community at Cityside continues to inspire me. Talking to you all and hearing how you do life helps me to keep moving in good ways with mine.

There is often inspiration for me in the Sunday services – reminders of practices that could again be part of my spiritual journey, different ways of seeing things, a thought to challenge me, people with an experience that inspires me.

Often it has been a source of joy and stimulation. This community is a constant reminder to me of both the value and the complexities of attempting to be a follower of Jesus.

Thoroughly have enjoyed reflecting on the ways in which Cityside has helped me reflect on the people in my world/life and how I can keep them in my thoughts. I've also enjoyed being able to share with people about Cityside and no longer feel like I have to justify all the implications/loaded assumptions in the word 'Christian'

Made me reflect on my relationship with God and with others.

-Enjoyed the series on the contrary virtues/vices – thought provoking!

Connecting with God and with others through worship, the sacraments of communion, lighting candles and sharing prayers. Talking with other Citysiders and connecting and discussing stuff (especially on the Children's Space Planning Team).

The diverse and interesting sermons and accepting ideology that has been conveyed through them. Also the different and out there prayer activities that we do.

I feel like I'm walking over rocky ground, so I'm trying to put faith in God

I feel this year has been one of the hardest for me in trying to follow Jesus in the world. Mostly as a result of asking lots of questions about what this looks like. What has shaped our christian narrative vs. what Jesus talked about and perhaps stood for. I think Cityside not only provided the room for this to happen but my place within our community has been encouraged to continue questioning and seeing my journey as formative. On a weekly basis I come away from church on a Sunday feeling free and encouraged by what I am a part of and it helps give me faith in a week where sometimes it can feel like religion doesn't provide much faith.

**What I think we could do better:**

Socialising. Maybe we need a more obvious reminder that people are invited to offer to take a slot (I miss the roster!). Also, I vote to bring back the "Hot Text" slot. It's an easy one for people to volunteer for, and our teens might feel like contributing.

nothing particularly here

Not be afraid to be more explicitly (rather than implicitly) Christ-centred and figure out what that means. Have the courage to grapple with hairy topics, eg. not sidestep "Trinity" because it's in the too hard basket (get someone else to do that Sunday, Stu!). Maybe (gasp!) have the odd honest conversation about our real differences of opinion/belief, with the objective of learning from each other, rather than working out where we all "stand" theologically. See my comment above about not having to edit yourself. Occasionally I've felt like a redneck conservative at Cityside, and have tried to find ways to put a different viewpoint while hoping I don't get entirely found out! :-)) Of course, now I've moved to Palmy, I feel like I'm falling off the liberal end of things everywhere I go, and sadly in this context that \*does\* need editing, or at least very careful expression. I'd hope that Cityside is a less judgmental place where it's safe to risk saying what you actually think.

Focussing outwards, but I'm not sure what exactly this might look like!

Taking ourselves less seriously and relaxing around how things change as time flows on.

I think I say this every year, but what comes straight to mind in this section is the lack of a place to share our lives and our spiritual journey more deeply with others outside of a Sunday. I think our geographical spread and our busy lives contribute to this. I recognise that a lot of other people have other communities they are part of - school, work, sport etc so don't need anything more than what is there at present. But Cityside is my only regular community. So maybe it's a case of what I could do better rather than what we can do better. Maybe it's up to me to initiate something that might meet my need for greater connection as well as be of value to others in our community. (Goodness, I didn't set out to write all this – I've ended up putting the "thinking allowed aloud" into practice!)

1. Explore some more ways/opportunities where we could act as a group to contribute positively to the wider world.  
2. Find an appropriate model for the Children's Space / teenagers' work?  
3. I wonder how newcomers experience us. How strong is the welcome? How easy is it to make some friends within our community? Are there enough social interaction opportunities for people at various stages in life?

I think we sometimes struggle with providing assistance/social justice opportunities within our community. This is partially due to the wide spread nature of our church, but I would like to see more emphasis on working in the Mt Eden community area/ways that we can.

little space for the under 5s to play at morning tea time would be great. Feel like I can never have a proper conversation as one eye constantly on making sure Alex doesn't hurt herself or eat all the food.

I think we can always do better at welcoming and connecting with new and even recently arrived people (and remembering their names! – me)

Great to see the meals being made and delivered! More connection in our community. We need more energy and people to work with our tamariki! The fabulous team who are doing it (including me) have been doing it for years and years. We are really stretched. It's such an important aspect of our community and those kids are valuable key 'members' of our church.

In my personal opinion, try and diversify the music and try different genres to go outside our comfort zones to find out what works best for the community and what maybe doesn't work so well. Also make stations more hands on and interactive (though it has been good thus far) to make it more inclusive.

Knowing and loving each other more deeply (always tricky when we come from all over the sprawling metropolis), accepting and valuing our differences, communicating well, organisation, spreading the volunteer load, connecting what we do in church to the world outside, supporting our young people

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

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perhaps more lectio divina

Connect with tangata whenua – yes, local iwi, but also the church community just up Burleigh St.

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not sure

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1. Do something again at Easter where we offer an opportunity to the wider community to perhaps reflect on some of the hurts/suffering either in their lives or in the world in general along with some sort of symbolic response/action based on Gandhi's "be the change you wish to see in the world" Be the hope/the new life you wish to see ..... an appropriate Easter response!?

2. Find a vehicle where there could be some honest, open exploration of doubt in relation to faith. (Perhaps a Crisis in Faith discussion group?) Maybe best if this was structured around a particular book which has something positive to add into the mix?

I would like to understand further the implications that the Treaty of Waitangi have on our community and how we honour concepts such as Manaakitanga within our community. How do become a bicultural church?

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(Not new but) I'd like to have more contemplative elements in the service (e.g. guided reflections, chants etc)

A community fridge? Different evening groups using our space? More workshop type things? Another art series?

Get some more people joining in and playing instruments/singing to get the music aspect of the service to the next level.

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interest based casual gatherings providing opportunities for cross mentoring.

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

The people are awesome! I love the honesty and thoughtfulness and inclusion.

knowing some people better than before

Creativity. Fun. The sofas (especially when bits fall off and you're not expecting it). Opportunities to connect in smaller groups than on Sunday – social things, and also Conversation & Contemplation which has been a monthly shot in the arm for me.

I love that on Sunday mornings you never know what interesting things might happen! Love our benediction at the end of every service. I really enjoyed singing a capella at Christmas time. I've enjoyed being able to curate some services and am grateful to all those who curate, and for improvements in related technical stuff. I appreciate people's readiness to participate, which is so integral to how we worship.

The Cityside Bits are great for keeping in touch. I like the opportunities and invitations that are offered for all sorts of things, even though I don't always have capacity to attend. I appreciate the meals for others initiatives.

There have been some great moments where I have been wonderfully surprised by the depth of meaning that has emerged from our observance of Christian tradition. Eg. Easter Sunday, Advent.

I am grateful for all the people who make up our community. I value conversations after the service on Sunday and the fact we are not being chased out 20 mins after the service so that someone can lock up. I really appreciate Stu's presence among us and all that he brings to Cityside. It's great seeing our children and youth growing up and contributing to our life together. I have appreciated being part of the team of curators as well.

-The people – and the love, creativity, openness and honesty that each individual brings.  
-The range of what's offered in the services including the music (thanks Bronwyn!), the use of art, the increased participation from the younger age-group and the numbers contributing overall.

Enjoy that Cityside has helped bring out a creative and reflective side to my personality. Also love being involved with the Christmas Choir and enjoyed doing an Art and Advent.

the people; children's space; the 10am start

-The range of curators who bring their different flavours to our Sunday morning  
-Stu's forays into Art History and Sciencey stuff  
-Having a warm baby-friendly space where I can get my little one to sleep and still participate in the service

Matariki at the Partridges. Pool party at the Rives. Christmas music and cheer both at church during advent and at the Heeringa's annual Christmas shindig. Doing my evening sessions on Parenting and Pornography. Meeting and talking with our fabulous young people – Matrix, Quest, Fusion. Having people over for 5th Sunday brunch.

I love it when Bronwyn or someone organizes people into a band for worship – that is really special to see people from the community playing.

The sense of community and acceptance that is given. The fact that anyone can make an event happen and be able to share it with the church community because of the comfortable environment that people have created.

Op shop ball, contributions from lots of different people, events at the Heeringas, purple carpet, seeing art on the walls, knowing the teens are being supported by Helen, getting to know new (to me) people, Danny's coffee cart, Christina's contributions, getting to hang out with our superb (I really mean it!) young people at Kids-Space, caving trip, Jesus

People, openness, encouragement, sharing, fusion, stu's sermons, lighting candles.

**If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be appropriate and why?**

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NO. It's too subjective, suggestive, un-humble

Avoid words, I think – I thought of so many facetious answers to this question that I suspect it's better to go with images only. But what's the purpose of having artwork? The answer to that was clear in its message would be helpful – and clearly 'for' something, rather than critiquing (see above).

A wide range of stuff would be appropriate – the trickiest question for me is to what extent could it stand without explanation? Maybe art that was clear in its message would be helpful – and clearly 'for' something, rather than critiquing (see above).

Something that those outside of church might recognise and relate to as being of spiritual significance as well as artistically well done. Something that invited people to reflect. Something that might surprise people as being on display on a church building.

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A series of large cat memes in frames. I think, within reason, artwork outside the building is a great idea. I don't think we should be particularly restrictive about what that could be.

the key questions I'd like to know is who would it be for and what message(s) are we trying to deliver?

Something open-ended, thought-provoking and inspirational – to intrigue the array of folk that walk down Mt Eden Rd, "of Christ" (but perhaps not literally)

Something done by a Citysider.

I think that the artwork should reflect our beliefs and values as a church due to the fact that it would be advertised to the outside world. Because of this, the artwork needs to be something that we as a community are proud of and want to showcase to passers by to draw people into our church.

I'm not sure why this is being asked. Depends why, what, whose and if it's good?

Yes – more art on the streets would be awesome. especially if it didn't involve a cliché of what 'christian art' might look like.



**Tell us any hopes for what Cityside might accomplish in the next 5 years for ourselves, and for others outside our community**

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- to stay committed to a Christian perspective despite that all around this is slipping away
- From down here in the Manawatu, I'm wondering what kind of network there might be of Cityside-type communities in NZ, and whether there's any value in having one? Just thinking of the solidarity there is between Cityside and Ponsonby Baptist, and wondering if that could extend further to other groups/cities and offer the sense of belonging to a larger whole, rather than being an isolated little outpost (of the type I hope to get going here). That may not be where your question was going though.
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- Growing the way we affirm things. Becoming a XYZ-affirming church for more types of people. Focusing on contributing to our community by being 'for' things, rather than against.
- To continue to be a healing community and a place of refuge and to find ways to share this with others who are looking for something more/ different from church and from God. To find one area /cause where we might come together and contribute in a practical way to a need in our society – such as poverty or homelessness.
- Those apartments – a gift to our own community and to the wider community that will keep on giving.
- Further safe spaces and acceptance of Marriage Equality
- Provide space and opportunity for young teenagers to question
- Deeper connections with the families in our community
- continue to be an open space for people to come to for a short while or a long while as part of their journey with Christ and the community.
- Be great to see the church in better nick – fixtures, fittings and furniture etc. Insulation?! We've had some initiatives for rough sleepers who shelter near Cityside in the past...not sure if we still do?
- More pastoral care. A children's space pastor or something/someone to hold our young people and coordinate the volunteers. Continuing to foster the relationships and spiritual development of our young people.
- To grow our church and see more young adults come to the community so that we can expand our connections as youth of city side, (maybe even to a point where we have enough people to make a fleshed out youth group). Also hire some new staff to help accommodate for the roles that are currently being filled by volunteers. Also, maybe some more church camps
- Develop trust, love authentically, nurture growth for all ages, a sustainable vibrant kids & youth programme, more art, another camp
- Staying true to what we are about. Continually sharing and re sharing what church looks like within the walls of 8 Mt Eden Road.

**Other:**

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- People who supply and do morning teas – I have only Thanks and Thanks again
- I feel I have been thoroughly spoiled by having 3 years as part of the Cityside community, and I love that I still see my name in the "pray for" section of the bits. I found my tribe. I so wish leaving Auckland hadn't meant leaving Cityside behind. It's probably the most real group of people I've ever been involved with, and we should not underestimate the value of that. Keep being yourselves, and keep being real.
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- It has been interesting being on council again. This phase of our church's life seems to be a new recalibrating towards a fresh direction that I don't think I fully anticipated. I miss some of the possibilities that I thought were beckoning us as a community, which seem to be fading a bit (like becoming a community that could nurture the full spread of spiritual maturity). But we seem to be finding new ways to do our traditional niche of being a safe place for questioners and those struggling to make sense of things, which is exciting, too. And I do get a sense that our direction now is fresh and perhaps more in touch with pressure points in the wider society – and also with a simpler Christianity. These things are good.
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- Can we just pay someone to sort the garden? A few hours once a month pulling weeds? Plant more edible stuff – for us and the homeless to help themselves.
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- I want to acknowledge that the departure of Kirsten has been painful. She is a very talented woman and it is a great loss for our community. I feel like we are in a vulnerable time. If there is consolation- Jesus became vulnerable too.
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Name	Aae
Esme Partridge	10

**What have you enjoyed about being part of Cityside this year? What are you grateful for?**  
The fun activities to connect to God

**What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?**  
How we talk about how god is always there and will show that in his creations and when you pray to him

**How does being part of Cityside help you live your life?**  
To know that god is always there in the darkness to show you the light

**What's some new stuff you'd like to see us explore at cityside?**  
Not sure

**What could we do better at Cityside?**  
We have a holy place, we do not need better

# CITYSIDE ANNUAL REPORT FORM FOR KIDS!

We would love to know what you're thinking about! You can write, draw, or scribble below and then put it in the suggestion box at Cityside.

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

the fun, silly, friendly  
crazy, creative  
community and  
close friends

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

children's space  
and connect

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

to be myself  
and enjoy life.

What could we do better at Cityside?

to go on  
cityside camp  
more often. or  
for longer time.  
~~we should have connect more often.~~

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

creative  
artwork in  
children space and  
or fun events.

If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be cool?

Artwork designed  
by everybody  
together.

Anonymos (by the way its Sophie McK & Zoe Smith)  
your name (optional)

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

The community feel of the entire place, and how I can be myself.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

All of the activities such as connect and childrenspace.

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

To enjoy the little moments in life.

What could we do better at Cityside?

- Start up connect properly again.
- Go to cityside camp ~~on~~ more often.

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

More interactive activities that happen more frequently.

If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be cool?

Something that everyone in cityside would help make and personalise.

Anonymous (By the way it's Alice O'Brien)  
your name (optional)

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I ~~enjoy~~ have enjoyed being able to have quiet space in the service eg the prayer tent. Have also enjoyed the mindful music that has been played. I am grateful for the friendly people at Cityside.

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

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

helps you reflect on things going on in your life.

What could we do better at Cityside?

~~New prayer tent~~ different types of quieten

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

More centering prayer/ get back into it.

If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be cool?

your name (optional) Seraphine Pive

I've been a part of Cityside for 11 years

# Cityside Annual Report Form, 2017

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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):



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

I like the food ~~the food~~ I like food

What I think we could do better:

More food

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

FOOD?

Tell us any hopes for what Cityside might accomplish in the next 5 years for ourselves, and for others outside our community?

I hope that we can get into different types of food.

If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be appropriate and why?

I think that food would be appropriate because it is a big part of city side

Other:

Whoever is doing communion should not water down the juice so much.

your name (optional) Mr Food

I've been a part of Cityside for ~~the~~ mashed potato years

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as always, I mainly appreciate the people here who think deeply about important things, + who try to put their thoughts into action.

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

ongoing relationships w/ Cityside + ex side folk outside of church walls

What I think we could do better:

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

the whole building apartments / fostering community in the building idea seems like an idea whose time has come, when we having crisis etc

Tell us any hopes for what Cityside might accomplish in the next 5 years for ourselves, and for others outside our community?

Above idea, developed into deeper engagement w/ surrounding ppl + neighbourhood.

If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be appropriate and why?

pretty much anything that has thought, integrity, beauty

Other:

your name (optional)

I've been a part of Cityside for 16 years

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We would love to know what you're thinking about! You can write, draw, or scribble below and then put it in the suggestion box at Cityside.

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

catching up with people and connecting with god in a fun way

What at Cityside helps you to feel aware of God?

the songs

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

it helps me meet with people I haven't seen for a while

What could we do better at Cityside?

I don't know

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

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If we displayed some artwork on the outside of our building, what do you think would be cool?

the children drawing the pictures

your name (optional)

Pascal Rive  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years  
I've been a part of Cityside for