# DIOCESE of NELSON

# 2026 YEARBOOK

## FIRST SESSION OF
## THE SIXTIETH SYNOD

## NELSON

## 8-10 OCTOBER, 2026

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# SECTION ONE

## PERSONNEL

As at 31st Aug 2026

### DIOCESE

| | |
|---|---|
| Bishop (11th Bishop of Nelson) | Rt. Rev Steve Maina |
| Bp. Chaplain/Vicar General | Rev Canon Simon Martin |
| Chancellor | Mr Alex Summerlee |
| Community Ministries -Children & Families | Mrs Amanda Poil |
| Community Ministries - Pioneering | Rev Joshua Moore |
| Community Ministries -Youth & Young Adults | Rev Brad Wood |
| Community Ministries - Social Services | Rev Paul Milson |
| Community Ministries – Older Persons Services | Mrs Liesel de Kriek |
| Health & Safety Coordinator | Mr Russell Nimmo |

### ANGLICAN CENTRE

| | |
|---|---|
| Diocesan Manager | Mr Chris Ward |
| Diocesan Finance & Trust Manager | Mr Ed Duggan |
| Diocesan Governance Support Manager | Mrs Deborah Oliver |
| Diocesan Accountant | Mrs Magna Lehmann |
| Bishop's Personal Assistant | Mrs Anita Jones-Stiles |
| Dio Manager's Administrative Asst | Mrs Mika Ito |
| Property Coordinator | Mrs Penelope Baber |
| Payroll and Finance Administrator | Mrs Erin O'Sullivan-Moffat *until 7 Aug 26* |
| | Ms Avril Marshall *from 9 Sep 26* |
| Video & Digital Content Creator | Mrs Petra Oomen |

### DIOCESAN MINISTRY EDUCATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Ministry Education Coordinator | Rev Canon Simon Martin |
| Dean, Bishopdale Theological College | Rev Dr Andrew Burgess |
| Academic Lead & College Director | Dr Kate Tyler |
| Dean of Courses | Rev Dr Sue Patterson *until 19 Jun* |
| College Director/Registrar | Mr Simon Terrill *until 31 Jul* |
| College Registrar | Mr Scott Mayer *from 24 Aug* |
| Internship & Missional Training Coord. | Rev Jude Saxon |
| College Administrator | Ms Ashleigh Twist-Milne |
| Librarian (Bishop Sutton Library) | Mrs Jennifer Patterson |

# COMMITTEES

## STANDING COMMITTEE & Trusts Board

Appointed by Synod for 3-year term

The Rt Rev S Maina [with Vicar General in attendance]

| **Seat** | **Clergy** | **Elected** | **Retires** (Synod) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rev Z Elliott | 2024 | 2027 |
| 2 | Very Rev Dr G O'Brien | 2024 | 2026 |
| 3 | Rev M E Tefft | 2025 | 2028 |
| | **Laity** | | |
| 4 | Vacant | 2024 | 2027 |
| 5 | Ms L Fear | 2025 | 2026 |
| 6 | Mrs K Bristed | 2023 | 2026 |
| 7 | Mrs H Neame | 2025 | 2028 |
| 8 | Mr A Smith | 2025 | 2028 |

## NELSON DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD (INC)

Appointed by Trusts Board for 3-year term

| **Seat** | | **Appointed** | **Retires** (Dec) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mr K Kruse | 2023 | 2026 |
| 2 | Mr G W Allan (Deputy Chair) | 2025 | 2028 |
| 3 | Mrs M Soderberg (Chair) | 2025 | 2028 |
| 4 | Ms J Maslin-Caradus | 2026 | 2028 |
| 5 | Mr M Hall | 2026 | 2028 |
| 6 | Vacant | 2025 | 2028 |
| 7 | Mr S Perris / Vacant *until 15 Apr 26* | 2025 | 2028 |
| 8 | Mr M McDonald | 2025 | 2028 |

## RISK & ASSURANCE COMMITTEE (RAC)

Appointed by Standing Committee

*On the 12 February 2026 Standing Committee suspended the relevant provisions of the Structures Statute and requested a comprehensive risk register to identify key risks (as per S27(2) of the Structures Statute) to be addressed by Standing Committee and the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board in lieu of the RAC.*

*On the 2 July 2026 the Diocesan Manager provided a Risk Management Framework. Consideration is being given to develop this framework further for parish use, and to support the reinstatement of the Risk & Assurance Committee.*

*Refer Notice of Motions.*

## ANGLICAN CARE COMMITTEE

Appointed by Standing Committee for 3-year term

| Seat | | | Appointed | Retires (Dec) | Deanery |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mrs D Hunter | | 2025 | 2028 | Nelson |
| 2 | Ms J Lockwood | | 2025 | 2028 | Waimea |
| 3 | *vacant* | | 2024 | 2027 | |
| 4 | Ms M Hodgson | | 2025 | 2028 | Marlborough |
| 5 | Mr L Gabites | (Chair) | 2025 | 2028 | Waimea |
| 6 | Mr S Young | | 2023 | 2026 | Mawhera |
| 7 | Rev S Jordan | | 2025 | 2028 | Nelson |
| 8 | Ms R Johnson | | 2025 | 2028 | Mawhera |

# OTHER DIOCESAN BOARDS, NATIONAL COMMITTEES and APPOINTMENTS

## DIOCESAN OVERSEAS MISSION COUNCIL

***14 September 2024***

*Synod suspended the provisions of the Diocesan Overseas Mission Council Act 2004 and requested Standing Committee to review the purpose, direction and structures contained in the Act and bring a recommendation to a future Synod.*

Helen Neame has been appointed Diocesan Overseas Missions Coordinator
Refer Notice of Motion.

## MINISTRY STANDARDS ADVISORY GROUP

*On the 14th May 2026 after an independent review by Kooyoora Ltd Standing Committee formally disbanded the MSAG and recommitted to prioritising safeguarding, and further develop resources, training and tools to support parishes.*

## BOARD OF NOMINATION:

Appointed by Synod for 3-year term (2023-2026): Bishop, 2 Clergy, 2 Lay

Rt Rev S Maina (Chair)
Rev Dr A Burgess, Rev Canon S Martin, Mr B Sparrow; Mrs B Sussex

## NELSON DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Mr J M Fitchett, Mrs H Neame and Very Rev Dr G O'Brien

## TE KOTAHITANGA -

Tikanga Pakeha appointments suspended until GS 2028

Very Rev Dr G O'Brien *until 15 Aug 2026*

## GENERAL SYNOD & TIKANGA PAKEHA REPRESENTATIVES

Appointed by Synod for 2-year term: 3 Clergy, 3 Lay Current Term: 2026-2027

Rt Rev S Maina, *Rev Dr A R Burgess, Rev Canon S Martin
Mr E Duggan, *2 vacancies *2026 Alternates: Rev G Ashworth, Mrs S Ashworth*

## GENERAL SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE & TRIBUNAL ON DOCTRINE

Rev Dr A Burgess

## TIKANGA PAKEHA CONFERENCE CO-ORDINATING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

Rev Canon S Martin

## TIKANGA PAKEHA MINISTRY COUNCIL

Bishop; 1 Clergy, 1 Lay

Rt Rev S Maina, Rev Canon S Martin, lay vacancy

Rev Dr A Burgess (additional/alternate)

## OVERSEAS MISSION – TIKANGA PAKEHA (OMTP):

*formerly TPMC*

Ms H Neame

## TIKANGA PAKEHA ECUMENICAL GROUP

Vacant

## TIKANGA PAKEHA LITURGICAL WORKING GROUP

Very Rev C R Tyrrell *until July 2026*

## INTERCHURCH BIOETHICS COUNCIL

Very Rev Dr G O'Brien

## COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Ven R P Kingston and Rev R M Halsall – in an advisory capacity

## ANGLICAN MISSIONS

Rt Rev S Maina – Tikanga Pākehā Bishop's Representative

## AFFIRM COUNCIL

Bishop's Representative: Rev Canon S Martin

*On the 4th Sept 2025 Standing Committee Resolved to end its membership and vote for the dissolution of AFFIRM. Associate Parishes are transferring membership to the Anglican Community of St Mark (ACM).*

## ANGLICAN COMMUNITY OF ST MARK (ACM)

Rt Rev S Maina – Protector Bishop

## OTHER ENTITIES

### BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

1 Rt Rev S Maina Chair

| Seat | Appointed by | | Appointed | Retires |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Bishop | *Vacant* | 2025 | 2028 |
| 3 | Synod - Licensed Clergy | Rev M Tefft(Deputy Chair) | 2025 | 2028 |
| 4 | Synod – Lay | Rev M Watts | 2025 | 2028 |
| 5 | Laidlaw College | M Whittaker | 2025 | 2028 |
| 6 | Student Representative | Mr O Preston (A) | 2026 | 2026 |
| 7 | Additional (optional) | Rt Rev J Behan for CCA | 2025 | 2028 |
| 8 | Additional (optional) | Prof. C Holmes | 2025 | 2028 |
| 9 | Additional (optional) | Rev Dr N McLellan | 2024 | 2027 |

### ST ANDREW'S FAMILY TRUST

2-year terms AGM

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chair | Mrs M Chaney | 2024 | 2026 |
| | | Mr L Gabites | 2026 | 2028 |
| 6 | Trustees | Mrs M Chaney | 2026 | 2028 |
| | | Mr L Gabites | 2025 | 2026 |
| | | Mrs P Classen | 2025 | 2027 |
| | | Mrs P Adams | 2025 | 2027 |
| | | Ms J Lockwood | 2025 | 2027 |
| | | Ms Sonny Denny | 2025 | *15 May 26* |
| | Mawhera | Mrs R White | 2026 | 2028 |

# SECTION TWO

## PARISHES

(P) – People's Warden (V) -Vicar's Warden Bishop's Warden (B)

### I - THE CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson: Constituted a Parish 25 March 1863.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dean: | Very Rev Dr G O'Brien | |
| Precentor: | Rev S Jordan | |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev J Wilkens | *during sabbatical (Jul-Oct 2026)* |
| Churchwardens: | Mr S Trengrove (V), Mrs J A Smith (P) | |
| Clergy Canons: | Rev S Martin, Rev N Whinney | |
| Lay Canons: | Mr G W Allan, tbc | |
| Synodspersons: | Mr G W Allan, Ms N Calder | AAW - Mrs J S Smith |

### II – PARISHES: NELSON DEANERY

1. Nelson - All Saints': Constituted a Parish 25 November 1862

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev T Bustin | |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev G Taylor | |
| Deacon: | Rev S Oomen | |
| Churchwardens: | Mr D List (V), Mrs J Sears (P) | |
| Synodspersons: | Dr P J Sears | AAW: K Cuthbert |

2. Atawhai-Hira - St Peter's: Constituted a Parish 3 October 2003

Governance Team for whole parish: Commissioner

Commissioner: Rev Canon Simon Martin

Management Team for St John's Hira: I Stewart, C Decesare, S Wastney

Ministry Team for St John's Hira: Rev G Taylor, Rev C Naseri, N Naseri, S Wastney, B Stratford

3. Stoke - St Barnabas': Constituted a Parish 11 June 1977.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev P Greenwood |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev J Saxon |
| Churchwardens: | Messrs G Suckling (V), G Bone (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr M McDonald, Ms A Fraser |

4. Tahunanui - St Stephen's: Constituted a Parish in 1986.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev J K Kathuri |
| Churchwardens: | Mr D Tough (V), Mrs L Bruce (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Messrs C Simmons, J Matthews |

5. Victory: Constituted a Parish 28 October 1995

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev P (Nzi) Nzimbi |
| Churchwardens: | Mr N Jackson (V), Mrs J Brunt (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Ms L Fear, Ms S Baker |

## II – PARISHES: MARLBOROUGH DEANERY

6. Awatere - Seddon**:** (Christian Joint Venture): Constituted a Parish 9 Sept 2010

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev J Phillips |
| Churchwardens: | Mr A Moore (V), Mrs L Murray (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mesdames H Neame, L Murray |
| Parish Nurse: | Mrs R Cameron |
| Sub-Districts: | Ward, Wharanui, Kekerengu, Awatere Valley, Seddon |

7. Blenheim - Church of the Nativity**:** Constituted a Parish 16 September 1964.

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|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev G Ashworth |
| Churchwardens: | Mr A Smith (V), Mrs R Struthers (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr A Smith |

8. Blenheim South - St Christopher's: Constituted a Parish 12 June 1989.

| | |
|---|---|
| Minister in Charge: | Rev N Irwin |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs M Griffiths (P), Mr S Scaife (V) |
| Synodspersons: | Mesdames M Griffiths, L Scaife; Mr S Scaife |

9. Havelock - St Peter's and the Sounds**:** Constituted a Parish 9 September 2010

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Vacant |
| Transitional Ministry Leader: | Rt Rev R Ellena |
| Rural Chaplain: | Rev K Topp |
| Churchwardens: | Mr C Lordan (B), Mrs H Ellena (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr C Lordan |
| Sub-Districts: | D'Urville Island, French Pass, Keneperu, Pelorus Sound (Homewood), Linkwater, Okaramio, Okiwi Bay, Rai Valley, Waitaria |

10. Kaikoura - St Peter's**:** Constituted a Parish 9 September 2010

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|---|---|
| Priest in Charge: | Rev C Wilson |
| Churchwardens: | Ms N Woodill (V), K Chirnside (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr S Hill and Mrs N Kahler |
| Sub-Districts: | Clarence River, Oaro |

11. Picton - Holy Trinity**:** Constituted a Parish 7 December 1879

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Vacant |
| Churchwardens: | Ms D Pook (B), Mr J Stretton (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mesdames D Pook, M Cropp |
| Sub-Districts: | Koromiko, Queen Charlotte Sound and Tory Channel |

12. Spring Creek - St Luke's**:** Constituted a Parish in 1986.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Vacant |
| Churchwardens: | Mr A Matthews (B) |
| Synodspersons: | Ms D Dinmore |

13. Wairau Valley – Renwick Anglican, Church of the Good Shepherd, Wairau V**:** Constituted a Parish in 1986.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Vacant |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev D Paton |
| Churchwardens: | Mr B Paton (B), Mrs N Stace (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr B Paton, Ms M Hodgson |

## II – PARISHES: MAWHERA DEANERY

14. Buller - St John the Evangelist**:** Constituted a Parish 2 October 1993

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev M Watts |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev R M Halsall |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs M Wearing (V), Mr W Whitehead (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr & Mrs P England |
| Sub-Districts: | Granity, Karamea, Waimangaroa |

15. Cobden-Runanga - Church of the Resurrection, Cobden, & St Thomas' Runanga**:** Constituted a Parish 9 September 2010

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Ven T F Mora |
| Churchwardens: | Mr G Booth (V), Mrs S Newman (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr P Booth, Mrs S Roper |
| Sub-Districts: | Atarau, Barrytown, Blackball |

16. Greymouth & Kumara - Holy Trinity**:** Constituted a Parish 7 April 1879.

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|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev M Tefft |
| Priest Assistant: | Ven R P Kingston |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs L Ewan (V), Mr W Lorimer (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mrs K Hines, Dr G Wood |
| Sub-Districts: | Boddytown, Dobson, Kumara, Otira |

17. Reefton & the Grey Valley- St Stephen's**:** Constituted a Parish 9 Sept 2010
*Parish status suspended from 1 September 2021 for 2 years and extended for 1 year*
*Parish Status under review by Standing Committee*

| | |
|---|---|
| Lay Minister: | Mrs H Ladds |
| Sub-Districts: | Ikamatua, Haupiri, Maruia, Moana, Ngahere, Springs Junction |

## II – PARISHES: WAIMEA DEANERY

18. Golden Bay – Church of the Epiphany, Takaka and St Cuthbert's, Collingwood**:** Constituted a Parish 9 September 2010

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev M Johnson |
| Churchwardens: | Mr B F Sparrow (V), Ms M Clements (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr B F Sparrow, Ms M Harte |

19. Motueka - St Thomas'**:** Constituted a Parish 20 September 1962

| | |
|---|---|
| Co-Vicars: | Revs A & E Spence |
| Priest Assistant: | Rev L N Bowdler |
| Churchwardens: | Mr M Versfeld (V), Ms J Turner (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr G Adams, Mrs R Mead |
| Sub-Districts: | Riwaka, Ngatimoti |

20. Richmond - Holy Trinity**:** Constituted a Parish in 1986.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev Z Elliott |
| Interim Priest Asst: | Rev N Walter *during sabbatical leave* |
| Churchwardens: | Ms V White (V), Mr S Perris (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Dr J Palmer, Mr K Kruse, Miss H Bradcock |
| Sub-Districts: | Appleby |

21. Waimea - St Paul's, Brightwater**:** Constituted a Parish in 1986.

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev B Wood |
| Assistant Priest: | Rev Dr P Ross |
| Churchwardens: | Mr A Wright (V), Mrs S Schruer (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr A Wright, Mrs V Seager |
| Sub-District: | Waimea West |

22. Wakefield and Districts - St John's**:** Constituted a Parish 18 September 2015

Transitional Ministry Leader during an interregnum: Rev P Greenwood

| | |
|---|---|
| Deacon: | Rev M Johnston |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs G Hensley (B), Mrs A Nelson (P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mr J Nelson, Mrs V Crouch |
| Sub-Districts: | Murchison, Tapawera, Motupiko |

## III – MISSION UNITS

Mapua: [The Hills Community Church Trust]

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar: | Rev E Holmes |
| HCC Trust Chair: | Mr I Williams |
| Church Warden: | Mr I Williams (V,P) |
| Synodspersons: | Mesdames J Lockwood, S Williams |

## MEMBERS OF SYNOD

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***Stoke*** *(3)*

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## YOUTH REPS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Waimea Deanery | van der Mark, Marzi | Golden Bay Parish |

## PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

As at 17th August 2026

| **Retired Bishops** | | **Expires** |
|---|---|---|
| The Right Rev V R Ellena | BMus LTh | 06/2028 |
| **Clergy** | | |
| The Rev S J Allcutt | | 10/2027 |
| The Rev S J Baldwin | BA MDiv MRE | 10/2028 |
| The Rev R J Barnes | LTh | 06/2028 |
| The Rev L J (Joy) Bradley | BSc | 10/2028 |
| The Rev F Capie | BA MA (Hons) Cert.Th BTH (Hons) | 08/2029 |
| The Rev M A Cotter | BMin | 10/2027 |
| The Rev K H Dyer | BSc (Hons) DipTchg BTheol MMin | 10/2028 |
| The Rev R Dyer | ThA (Hons) DipEv MCAIRANZ | 10/2028 |
| The Rev K Gwynne | LTh LTCL(Speech) MNZHCA CertBibCouns | 10/2026 |
| The Rev D G Harding | BA | 01/2028 |
| The Rev B Harford | DipTchg BEd DipBS | 06/2029 |
| The Rev D M Harrison | BMin | 03/2028 |
| The Ven D Hollingsworth | | 10/2027 |
| The Rev G T Holmes | BTh MSc DipDM | 06/2028 |
| The Rev S M Hooper | BTh LLB MJur | 10/2028 |
| The Rev L R Hurd-McKee | DipTheol, RN, RM | 05/2029 |
| The Rev P L Lyes | BDiv CA BComm | 06/2028 |
| The Rev M W Maina | MA BA GradDipTh | 10/2028 |
| The Rev Y McLean | DipBS GradDipTh | 07/2027 |
| The Rev P S Milson | DipTchg, BMin *during appt as Min.Co. -Social Services* | |
| The Rev J M Moore | BMin *during appt as Min.Co. -Pioneering* | |
| The Rev D J Moses | DipMin | 10/2028 |
| The Rev J Palmer | BA(Hons) BTh, MTh | 05/2029 |
| The Rev N M Petterson | BE(Hons), ME (Fire), BTh | 10/2028 |
| The Rev E J Sears | BSc DipTch LTh(Hons 2nd class) | 05/2029 |
| The Rev J A Sherlock | BTh,PGDipTh,BA,PGDipArts,NZDipBus *during Rwandan ministry* | |
| The Rev I H Smith | BTh(Hons) | 10/2028 |
| The Rev M Taylor | TTCert, Cert Bib Studies | 10/2027 |
| The Rev K D Topp | | 10/2028 |
| The Very Rev C R Tyrrell | QSO, BA, MTh | 10/2028 |
| The Rev E Vallaidam | BTh Dip AngS | 10/2026 |
| The Rev M-J van der Wal | BCouns | 03/2029 |
| The Rev J A Wasley | BSc BTh | 10/2028 |
| The Rev N P Whinney | BA DipTh | 10/2028 |
| The Rev J Wilkens | MA, MMin | 10/2029 |
| The Rev C Worsley | AFNZIM, FCA | 08/2027 |

## LAY MINISTRY LICENCES

As at 17th August 2026

| | | **Expires** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***All Saints*** | | | |
| ALLPRESS | David | 06/01/2027 | |
| ***Atawhai/Hira*** | | | |
| STRATFORD | Brian | 30/06/2027 | |
| ***Awatere*** | - | | |
| ***Blenheim*** | - | | |
| ***Blenheim South*** | - | | |
| ***Buller*** | | | |
| DALLEY | Petcharaporn Nui | 16/02/2027 | |
| ENGLAND | Pauline | 09/02/2027 | |
| GARLICK | Sharon | 16/02/2027 | |
| LARSEN | Brenda | 16/02/2027 | |
| MURPHY | Kathryn | 16/02/2027 | |
| PALMER | Lois | 16/02/2027 | |
| WALKER | William | 31/10/2027 | |
| WEARING | Marilyn | 17/02/2027 | |
| YOUNG | Margaret | 31/10/2026 | |
| YOUNG | Stephen | 31/10/2026 | |
| ***Cathedral*** | | | |
| ALLAN | Graham | 30/11/2027 | |
| JOWITT | Jillian | 30/10/2026 | |
| SMITH | Jocelyn | 15/04/2028 | |
| ***Cobden/Runanga*** | | | |
| BOOTH | Philip | 30/06/2029 | *(n)* |
| SMITHSON | Barry Dawson | 06/01/2027 | |
| STENGS | Henk | 06/01/2027 | |
| ***Golden Bay*** | | | |
| SPARROW | Brandon | 12/03/2027 | |
| ***Greymouth*** | | | |
| EWAN | Lee, Samara | 30/09/2027 | |
| FENSOM | Diana | 30/09/2027 | |
| FENSOM | Eric | 30/09/2027 | |
| WHITE | Peter | 30/09/2027 | |

| | | Expires |
|---|---|---|
| ***Havelock*** | - | |
| ***Kaikoura*** | | |
| HILL | Stephen | 30/06/2027 |
| HURST | Hilary | 06/01/2027 |
| KAHLER | Nora | 30/06/2027 |
| McCHESNEY | Marion | 06/01/2027 |
| ***Mapua*** | - | |
| ***Motueka*** | - | |
| ***Picton*** | | |
| BROWN | Cathy | 31/07/2029 |
| CROPP | Mary | 21/05/2027 *(n)* |
| ***Reefton & the Grey Valley*** | | |
| LADDS | Hilary | 06/01/2027 |
| ***Richmond*** | | |
| CLOVER | Gary | 15/04/2028 |
| CLOVER | Sara | 15/04/2028 |
| GEIGER | Sarah | 31/10/2028 *(n)* |
| PALMER | John | 17/01/2027 |
| ***Spring Creek*** | - | |
| ***Stoke*** | - | |
| ***Tahunanui*** | | |
| COLE | Gavin | 31/07/2029 |
| HUNTER | Daphne | 31/07/2029 |
| SIMMONS | Colin | 31/07/2029 |
| ***Victory*** | | |
| HOLLAND | Janis | 01/08/2027 |
| STARK | Pat | 01/08/2027 |
| VAN DER MARK | Marzaan (Marzi) | 01/08/2027 |
| ***Waimea*** | - | |
| ***Wairau Valley*** | - | |
| ELWOOD | Robert (Rob) | 30-06-2029 *(n)* |
| ***Wakefield and Districts*** | - | |

*(n) New*

## LETTERS OF AUTHORITY

| | |
|---|---|
| Rev J Day | Director, Church Army |
| Rt Rev V R Ellena | Transitional Ministry Leader, Havelock & the Sounds |
| Rev P N Greenwood | Transitional Ministry Leader during interregnum, Wakefield & Districts |
| Rev N Jackson | Ministry in Victory Parish |
| Rev M W Maina | Women in Leadership Ministry Developer |
| Rev J Moore | Diocesan Ministry Coordinator -Pioneering |
| Mrs L de Kriek | Diocesan Ministry Coordinator- Older Persons Services |
| Mrs A Poil | Diocesan Ministry Coordinator – Children & Families |
| Rev P Milson | Ministry Coordinator- Social Services |
| Rev K Topp | Rural Chaplain, Havelock & Sounds |
| Mr Hans van der Wal | Diocesan Chancellor |
| Rev C Wilson | Diocesan Creation Care Ambassador |
| Rev B Wood | Diocesan Ministry Coordinator - Youth & Young Adults |

## ACTS OF THE BISHOP

### ORDINATIONS

**DEACON**

| | **Issued** |
|---|---|
| Rev Michael Paul Johnston | 17-5-2026 |
| Rev Samuel Thomas Oomen | 14-6-2026 |

### LICENCES

**Vicar**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rev Bradley Michael Wood | Waimea Parish | 01-2-2026 |
| Rev Andrew Spence | Co-Vicar Motueka Parish | 16-4-2026 |
| Rev Emily Spence | Co-Vicar Motueka Parish | 16-4-2026 |

**Interim Priest Assistant during Sabbatical**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rev Nathan Walter | Richmond Parish | 1-8-2026 to 4-10-2026 |

**Deacon in Training**

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|---|---|---|
| Rev Michael Paul Johnston | Wakefield & Districts | 17-5-2026 |
| Rev Samuel Thomas Oomen | All Saints | 14-6-2026 |

**Priest Holding the Office of Missioner**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rev Paul Milson | Diocese | 19-5-2026 |

## DEED OF APPOINTMENT

| | | Issued |
|---|---|---|
| **Regional Dean** | | |
| Rev Zane Elliott | Waimea Regional Deanery | 12-8-2025 |
| **Cathedral Canon** | | |
| Rev Canon Simon Martin | Christ Church Cathedral | 01-3-2026 |

## PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

| | |
|---|---|
| Rev Jean Palmer | 22-4-2026 |
| Rev Marie-Jeanette van der Wal | 19-3-2026 |
| Rev Jennifer Wilkens | 10-4-2026 |

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## MINISTER IN CHARGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr Nigel Irwin | Blenheim South Parish | 07-6-2026 |

## LICENCE TO THE OFFICE OF LAY MINISTRY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr Philip Booth | Cobden-Runanga Parish | 03-7-2026 |
| Ms Mary Cropp | Picton Parish | 21-5-2026 |
| Ms Sarah Geiger | Richmond Parish | 30-9-2025 |
| Mr Rob Elwood | Wairau Valley Parish | 27-7-2026 |

## LETTER OF AUTHORITY

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|---|---|---|
| Mrs Liesel de Kriek | Ministry Coordinator- Older Persons Services | 30-9-2025 |
| Rev Jethro Day | Church Army | 25-2-2026 |

## CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Jennifer Allnutt Wakefield & Districts Parish 3-3-2026

In recognition of many years of faithful service to Wakefield and Districts Parish. We give thanks for your dedicated service on Vestry, as Warden and Synod Representative. Thank you for giving generously of your time, energy and skills in the service of Christ and His Church. Your devotion and servant heart have been a blessing to the parish and a reflection of Christ's love among us. With deep appreciation and gratitude, on behalf of the Nelson Diocese and the Wakefield and Districts Parish, we honour and thank you for your partnership in the mission of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## FACULTIES ISSUED

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1227 | Cathedral | Display 2 Ross Whitlock paintings | 06.05.26 |
| 1228 | Blenheim | Remove organ pipes Nativity Church | 22.05.26 |
| 1229 | Cathedral | Remove reference to Duke of York from memorial plaque | 31.05.26 |
| 1230 | Blenheim | Install bookcase, St Barnabas Chapel | 02.07.26 |
| 1231 | Waimea | Re-roof St Paul's Church | 22.07.26 |
| 1232 | Cathedral | Relocate 2 Air Force plaques | 30.07.26 |
| 1233 | Golden Bay | Install memorial plaque to Washbourne Women in St Cuthbert's | 03.08.26 |
| 1234 | Cathedral | Display additional Ross Whitlock painting | 28.08.26 |

## SECTION THREE - REPORTS

## STANDING COMMITTEE

This report summarises the principal matters considered by Standing Committee since September 2025. It reflects the Committee's governance oversight, discernment and decision-making on behalf of Synod and the parishes of the Diocese.

### Meeting attendance (Sept 2025-Aug 2026 - 9 meetings) *

Bishop Steve Maina (7), Revd. Simon Martin (8) *acting as Bishop* (2), Very Rev Dr Graham O'Brien (7), Revd. Marge Tefft (8), Ms Helen Neame (7), Ms Kate Bristed (6), Mr Alastair Smith (9), Ms Laura Fear (8)

*Note: Appointments/ Resignations and Retirements of members listed at end of report.

### Ministry, revitalisation and leadership

Throughout the year the Bishop, Bishop's Chaplain and Diocesan Manager kept Standing Committee informed about parish life, clergy appointments, ministry development and the ongoing revitalisation journey. The Committee continued to focus on cultivating vibrant local communities of faith, strengthening leadership pathways and resourcing parishes for mission.

Key ministry transitions included the commissioning of Rev Brad Wood as Vicar of Waimea, the farewell of Rev Russell and Anna Pickersgill-Brown from Motueka, the appointment of Rev Andy and Rev Emily Spence as Co-Vicars of Motueka, and the induction of Mr Nigel Irwin as Minister in Charge of Blenheim South. Rev Michael Johnston and Rev Samuel Oomen were ordained as deacons.

A significant strand of the year was the development of a resource church approach. Standing Committee received updates on the Atawhai-Hira restart, emerging partnerships involving Stoke and Bishopdale College, and conversations with parishes such as Nativity and Wairau Valley about shared ministry, leadership development and sustainability. The emerging leaders' pipeline being developed through Stoke, Bishopdale College and the Diocese is an important pilot for future formation, practical placements, mentoring and evaluation.

### Strategic governance and change

Standing Committee has continued to strengthen its own governance practice. In October 2025 members received governance training from Steven Moe on the distinction between governance and management, legal and structural responsibilities, board culture, strategic vision, risk and intergenerational thinking. Subsequent strategic discussions considered how the Diocese navigates change, the pull of homeostasis, and the need to hold together core identity, pastoral care and mission.

The Committee also undertook a self-evaluation process. The Bishop proposed an annual retreat day for members to focus on strategic conversations outside the ordinary meeting cycle. This would also assist with induction and deeper engagement with longer-term diocesan priorities.

In June 2026, Standing Committee held a Strategy Day to consider future ministry structures, diocesan sustainability, and mission priorities. The workshop developed a roadmap to inform future work on leadership, governance, collaboration, and ministry development across the Diocese.

### Safeguarding and safe ministry

Safeguarding has remained a major focus following Motion 7 at Synod 2024 and the wider response to the Royal Commission. Standing Committee received updates on national developments, including Te Korowai, and engaged Kooyoora Ltd to review the Diocese's Ministry Standards Advisory Group and safeguarding structures.

Kooyoora recommended that MSAG be disbanded in its current form and that safeguarding be prioritised through new internal structures, clearer purpose, consistency with national practice, stronger education, increased pace of reform, improved transparency, survivor safety and evaluation. In May 2026 Standing Committee formally disbanded MSAG, thanked its members, and noted that new resources, training and tools were being developed for parishes.

Rev Stephen Hooper has been engaged to support the next phase of safeguarding work, with an emphasis on culture change, theology, communication and practical parish tools. Standing Committee also approved a Ministry Licence Renewal Declaration Form for lay and ordained licence holders, and received proposals to simplify lay ministry licensing, introduce clearer training requirements and move applications and renewals online.

### Health, safety, wellbeing and employment

Standing Committee continued to respond to the Diocese's responsibilities as employer and as a governance body with officer due-diligence obligations. In February 2026 it approved Employee Assistance Programme services for staff and stipendiary clergy, with costs shared between parishes and the Diocese through the Diocesan Sickness Endowment Fund.

In September 2025 Standing Committee adopted the Diocese Critical Incident and Emergency Response Management Plan. In May 2026 it established a policy subcommittee to oversee a first-principles review of the Health and Safety Management Plan and associated wellbeing policies. SafeHere, police vetting, training modules and Essential Boundaries training continue to be monitored.

### Parish sustainability, finance and levy review

Parish sustainability has been a major theme. In February 2026 Standing Committee received a detailed Finance Manager's report on parish quota balances, parish statements and 2026-2028 parish budgets. While 2025 parish finances were significantly better than budget overall, deferred maintenance, property costs and longer-term sustainability were identified as areas requiring close attention.

Standing Committee approved consultation with parishes on proposed changes to the Diocesan Levy. Financial monitoring is also being strengthened through draft trend reporting so that parishes at risk can be identified and supported earlier.

The September 2025 meeting adopted the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group recommendation of a 1.7 percent increase to bishop and clergy stipends from 1 January 2026 and noted corresponding staff remuneration changes where contracts are linked to stipend review or the Living Wage.

### Cathedral Project and property decisions

The Cathedral Earthquake Strengthening Project required significant attention. Standing Committee considered the resource consent proposal, strengthening works, northern annex and entrance, opportunities for wider community use, consultation requirements and the need to engage the whole Diocese. Standing Committee approved the resource consent submission as the next stage of preliminary exploration, noting that this was not final approval for the whole project and that Synod would need to make final decisions. The Nelson Diocesan Trust Board also approved submission as landowner. By April 2026 the resource consent had been approved.

Standing Committee also considered governance, financial and communication aspects of the project and asked the Cathedral Strengthening Interim Governance Group to prepare for Synod 2026, including independent review of scope, financial plan and governance structure. This work has been deferred pending a review of the Earthquake Prone Building legislation by the Government. Other property matters included the development of 45 Nile Street, All Saints' proposed purchase of 24 Vanguard Street, and Stoke Parish's invitation to explore whether diocesan and Bishopdale College premises might form part of a St Barnabas redevelopment investigation.

### Risk, assurance and policy

Risk and assurance has been a key governance issue. Standing Committee was advised that the Risk and Assurance Committee had not met since August 2024 and that auditors had noted non-compliance with the Structures Statute requirement for quarterly meetings. Recruitment had been difficult, and concerns had been raised about personal liability and the breadth of the role.

Standing Committee approved the development of a comprehensive risk register covering material risks including finance, internal controls, law and standards, health and safety, human resources, reputational risk and professional standards. A draft Risk Management Framework was introduced in July 2026 to create a common understanding of risk across the Diocese and support any reinstated Risk and Assurance Committee. Policy work has also included service tenancy, staff policies, health and safety review, property project approvals and a draft Land Agreement Policy.

### IT, administration and communications

The IT project continued to be a major operational and governance matter. Standing Committee received updates on payroll implementation, ApprovalMax, CRM development, BTC donation and giving processes, security, privacy, testing and consultation. In April 2026 it approved nelsonanglican.nz email addresses for members of diocesan governance bodies and committees to improve confidentiality, secure access to diocesan systems and SharePoint integration.

Synod administration is also being reviewed, including the effort and cost of hard copy yearbooks and manual attendance recording.

### Anglican Care, social services and grants

Standing Committee approved Monitoring Group recommendations for 2026 ministry funding, including a one-year allocation of $20,000 to Atawhai-Hira, support in principle for Motueka to appoint a full-time minister in 2026, and accountability reporting for parishes receiving Monitoring Group funds. It also approved an additional one-off $10,000 for Whakarewa Trust Project Grants through the Anglican Care Committee, bringing the 2026 budget to $60,000.

Anglican Care and social services remain closely connected to parish sustainability and mission. The Diocese continues to support hardship and project work through trust funds, Anglican Care structures and partnerships with community organisations.

### Appointments and transitions

Appointments and licensing included Rev Michael Johnston and Rev Samuel Oomen as deacons, Mr Nigel Irwin as Minister in Charge at Blenheim South, Rev Brad Wood as Vicar of Waimea, Rev Andy and Rev Emily Spence as Co-Vicars of Motueka, Rev Paul Milson as Ministry Coordinator - Social Services and Missioner, my return to the role of Diocesan Manager, Ms Mika Ito as Administrative Assistant to the Diocesan Manager and with the departure of Erin O'Sullivan-Moffat in August, Avril Marshall has been appointed as Payroll and Finance Administrator. Ms Laura Fear joined Standing Committee during the reporting period.

### Conclusion

Standing Committee has carried a substantial governance load during the year. Alongside parish, finance, property and appointment matters, it has engaged deeply with revitalisation, safeguarding, risk, policy, employment responsibilities, diocesan systems, property stewardship and parish sustainability. The work has been complex, but it reflects a clear desire to strengthen the Diocese for faithful, sustainable and outward-facing mission.

On behalf of Standing Committee members, it is an honour to serve the Diocese in this ministry.

Chris Ward
Diocesan Manager
August 2026

## ANGLICAN CARE COMMITTEE

### Introduction

The Anglican Care Committee continues to ensure that each of the four Deaneries in the Diocese is represented, and this representation is reflected in applications for funding both for projects and hardship grants.

The Committee receives applications from parishes, other Christian based organisations and social service organisations. This wide reach is because of the work we have done in building relationships with the community and an acknowledgement that social service is a key part of our mission.

We are fortunate to be able to use funds from Trusts held by the Nelson Anglican Diocese to meet what is an increasing need for support. Each application is dealt with on an individual basis and is required to meet the criteria set out in the terms of each fund.

Over the past year we have noted an increase in applications for hardship grants and people in greater difficulty. We continue to support those in need and work with others to ensure there are wraparound services in place.

The following trust funds are distributed by the Anglican Care Committee:

**A: Funds available for individuals and/or families** (applications at any time)

1. **John and Hazel Baigent Trust** for those aged over 60 for the relief of poverty and sickness and for housing needs or other charitable purposes.
2. **Godwin Trust** for the charitable work of caring for children or other charitable purposes. (Finite)
3. **Mary Foster-Barham Trust** for the care of elderly and children in a disadvantaged position within the Nelson and Richmond municipal boundaries.
4. **Endres Trust** for social services work to assist needy families or persons in the Diocese (approved by the Bishop and Diocesan Manager)
5. **Whareama Trust** to assist the elderly in situations not covered by other trust funds. eg. grandparents raising grandchildren. $5,000 pa.
6. **St Andrew's Trust** funds for the care of children (and families). These funds are distributed by the St Andrew's Family Trust.
7. **Anglican Care Marlborough** fund to support disadvantaged people within the Marlborough Deanery. This fund is limited and will be closed once distributed.

**B: Project funds**

1. **Whakarewa Trust** (ACC) for charitable and social service purposes. Applications are accepted by 1st February, June and October each year.

   ***Projects funded for 2026****:* Greymouth Youth Worker $5,000, Loaves & Fishes $10,000, Whanake Youth $5,000, Tahunanui Chill $12,000, Hills Mapua CFM $5,125, Nativity Church Counselling Ministry $1,000.

2. **Whareama Trust** for Hospital & Rest Home Chaplaincy. Applications are accepted by 1st February, June and October each year.

3. **Mary Foster-Barham Trust** for the care of elderly and children in a disadvantaged position within the Nelson and Richmond boundaries. Annual applications by 1 July for projects meeting these criteria aside from that granted to other needs throughout the year.

   ***Projects funded for 2026***: Richmond Friends n Fun Coordinator $13,500, Victory Family Ministry $5,000.

4. **Older Persons' Ministry Fund** for the care of older persons

   This fund has two parts. There are non-contestable funds which each parish is eligible for. As well there are contestable funds shared across each deanery. This requires a separate application and provides funds for a 3-year period. Applications are required by 31 August each year.

5. **The Tindall Foundation** makes available annual funding with the broad criteria of 'a hand up not a handout'. Applications are accepted using the forms on the Tindall Foundation website and parishes are encouraged to check out the criteria. We can help with questions around what type of project is eligible for funding.

6. **St Andrew's Trust** funds for the care of children (and families). Applications for project funding are accepted by the St Andrew's Family Trust in August each year.

**Work with others**

This year the Anglican Care Committee has continued its work in developing relationships with other agencies and funding partners.

We work closely with Fifeshire Foundation, Care Foundation and Top of the South Community Trust. With support from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) we have formed the Little Collective. The Little Collective members hope to collectively deliver a health-related project over the next few months. This project has been developed by a project officer funded by a DIA community grant. The development of this project will provide a helpful template for future project planning.

We continue to look for funding sources across the Diocese that would allow us to meet the increasing demand for hardship grants.

It has been a special year building relationships and working with others. We, as a part of the church are seen as very credible by many people. This is encouraging as our funding criteria limit the amount we can offer. Working with others means we can often share the costs. It is a blessing to see organisations working together to make a difference for families and individuals.

This year we have enjoyed the assistance and commitment to the Committee of Paul Milson as the Social Service Coordinator. He has also helped parishes and worked closely with other organisations.

**Good News**

The Anglican Care Committee is here for the good of our communities, building trust with social service organisations, enabling others to walk alongside whānau, and, in partnership with parishes, being a visible, compassionate Christian presence in the community.

Partnering with other agencies and individuals is an opportunity to increase the visibility of the church, align our missional work and build trust in the community.

Involvement with other organisations also enables us to share the workload and resources. These agencies are grateful and have shared how much they enjoy working with us, sharing our knowledge and concerns. For us it is very much expressing our faith by actions.

Again, this year we have been part of the Fifeshire Winter Energy Programme providing firewood and in some case energy grants to older people, enabling them to be warm in their home.

Sometimes we wonder if help has reached the right place and if we have made a difference. One recent application was to provide support for some warm clothing for a young family. We received a letter from the children with a drawing of them in their clothes we had funded – reassurance that we did make a difference.

**Looking Ahead**

Over the past year we have looked at our strategic direction and how we deal with hardship grants and projects.

In the coming year we hope to increase our understanding of the needs of individual communities within the Diocese so that we can better direct our support. We will look at how we can support sustainability with projects and give them some longevity, including through working with others. We also hope project funding will better reflect the bigger picture of what each parish is doing so that projects are connected and not sitting in isolation. Also, over the next year application forms will be electronically available along with accountability reports. Our goal is to ensure we keep what we do fresh with outcomes that deliver results that help others.

We will continue to connect with organisations and explore other opportunities. We will also explore how we can build relationships outside the Nelson/Tasman area where our initial focus has been.

It is an exciting time, and we look forward to growing this collaborative approach. In my view it fits well with the revitalisation vision of Bishop Steve.

**Thank you**

This is the work of a few people and firstly can I thank the members of the committee for their on-going work and support. It is a big commitment, but they are always there and do such a wonderful job. I also want to say a great big thank you to Diocesan staff who have been there with knowledge and support. A thank you to Jason Shaw for his contribution and best wishes for your time in Tonga.

I also want to continue to thank our friends from Fifeshire Foundation, Care Foundation, Top of the South Community Trust and DIA. As well the number of Social Service Agencies who we have had the privilege to work with. We look forward to the next year and the opportunity to make a difference.

Thank you all for the opportunity to share our mutual goals and then to make things happen out in the community and support people in need.

***Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi***
*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive*

Whakamānawa

Laurie Gabites, Chair – Anglican Care Committee

**Current membership:**

Nelson - Daphne Hunter, Rev Steve Jordan,
Waimea - Laurie Gabites, Jen Lockwood,
Mawhera - Stephen Young, Raewyn Johnson,
Marlborough - Merryl Hodson

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Healthy Shoots – Signs of Growth

Over the past year there has been continued growth in the numbers of people engaging with ministry safety training. As of the day of writing, we have 626 individuals in our SafeHere Safety System. That is up by more than 16% over the same time a year ago, and a healthy sign that may point toward more people engaging in the ministry of the church.

### Needing Pruning – What Must Change

The need to refresh our Health & Safety policies, safety management plan and training has now been recognised and accepted. Significant work is now underway to complete the review and implement new systems to serve our current and future needs, and better meet current Health & Safety obligations. The challenge is to make the transition to any new system as smooth as possible and to increase safety, while keeping the compliance burden as low as possible.

### Invitation – Planting New Seeds

New areas for development in Health & Safety over the coming year include:

- Development of the new policies and procedures
- Exploring the use of AI tools to improve the quality of Risk identification and management and simplifying processes for creating safety plans for activities, events, and programmes.
- Creating an online Safety Management System that is fit for purpose, provides easy-to-understand dashboards, consolidates, retains and reports on data across the diocese, and automates processes as far as practicable around vetting and training renewals, and facilitating reminders to individuals in a timely manner.
- Developing safety training modules linked to specific ministries and roles.
- Phasing in the implementation of the new system and ensuring that staff and volunteers are supported well to implement it.

**Russell Nimmo**

**Diocese Health & Safety Coordinator**

## ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN (AAW)

**Aims:** To unite in Prayer and Participate in the Mission of the Church
To Promote, Safeguard and Nurture Christian Family Life.

**Theme:** "Joy" in the context of Psalm 51:12 "*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit*"

Continuing with the Diocese Season of Revitalisation and building healthy churches, the Association of Anglican Women is fully committed to building up the body of Christ through its aims and themes.

Our own theme certainly supports that and has generated progress in a number of areas.

On a National level, the Association is conducting a deep dive into our history, our purpose and our activities to identify ways to make our activities (and maybe our name!) more current and to increase membership. It includes canvasing opinion from others outside the Association and results will be discussed at the next meeting of the National Executive later this month.

On a local level, as incoming President for the Nelson Diocese of AAW, I have visited each of our five groups speaking to members (present and past), listening to their stories, concerns and suggestions. It has been a joy to learn more from these ladies. Our groups meet monthly to share and learn. Prayer and fellowship are central to AAW life and it is a pleasure to be amongst women who earnestly believe their prayers are both needed and received.

Our older members lament the loss of involvement in the wider day to day life of their parishes, being able to visit and assist new mums and provide meals for those in need. However, it has not stopped any of them from getting to work on supporting church life and projects within their means. One way they are helping is supporting the Mission to Seafarers with knitted beanies and gloves, toiletries, treats and souvenirs for the seafarers who have a very limited time in port and who rely on the Mission for comfort and companionship. Another method of support is to raise funds for the Association's nominated overseas mission project – this year the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Our national target is $13,000.00 and this diocese contributed well of $4,000.00 of that sum last year. Expect to see opportunities in each parish for contribution to this amazing project. We have an active interest in social concerns locally and nationally with prayer and support offered to a wide range of groups.

Many group meetings also involve a guest speaker and they always involve food! I firmly believe hospitality is a legitimate partner to fellowship and prayer and is an excellent icebreaker for new members. Growth in our Nelson group started with over an annual dinner, continued with a high tea and now we are planning other activities to involve new members in our other activities. As an example, not all our meetings are intended to appeal to just women. All are welcome to attend if the speaker or activity is appropriate.

To summarise:

Healthy Growth – a hard look at what we have always done to see what we can do better, expanding our activities to appeal to a wider range of ages, continuing to grow our influence in church life and demonstrating our faith through action.

What needs pruning – old ways such as meeting times and formats, unhelpful activities and attitudes.

Opportunities – increased involvement in parish life and in the community. This is a challenge not only to our members but church leaders to include Association members in activities, plans and celebrations. Not all groups enjoy a good working relationship with their church leaders and that challenge is set out as an opportunity to cultivate this ministry. That said however, some do a superb job of supporting the women, their role and their place in church life and we thank them sincerely for that support. Further opportunity comes in the form of accepting proposed changes to the Association with prayer, grace and enthusiasm.

Janet Smith

President
Nelson Diocese of Anglican Women

## DIOCESAN OVERSEAS MISSION

The Nelson Diocesan Mission Council is in abeyance and I have been appointed to represent the diocese as the Overseas Mission – Tikanga Pakeha (OMTP) rep. It is a challenge for me to keep up with what is happening in the mission area across our diocese, so if your parish is organising a mission-trip please let me know about this.

There is funding available to support overseas mission through Anglican Missions but be aware that they have recently updated their application form. You can access a link on our Diocesan website Grants & Funding page. Documents | Nelson Anglicans

At our last Synod, Nelson Diocese pleaded to raise $80,000 for Anglican Mission during 2026. At the time of writing, we are tracking well towards meeting our pledge. Thank you to all the parishes who have worked towards making this possible.

### Nelson Diocese Mission

Over the past year there have been three examples of mission in the Nelson Diocese, that I know of. These have included two overseas missions and one mission carried out within a parish.

- **All Saints Mission to Support MAF in Papua New Guinea**

A team from All Saints in Nelson led by Rev Tim Bustin, packed their bags (and headed for the highlands of PNG to support Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) workers gathering for a staff conference and retreat.

The team was based in Mt Hagen, the gateway to the Highlands, at Kompiam, a remote village tucked into the hills. “We visited a hospital, a school, and a teaching facility run by a Kiwi doctor training final-year medical students from PNG in rural medicine,” Gary says. “The hope is that some of them will commit to returning to serve in isolated communities

Social unrest and violence are significant problems in PNG, as well as inter-tribal conflict. But this is countered by the faith and resilience of the people they were visiting.

A member of the team; Gary Sawyer said, “we saw the hands and feet of God” in the people they met. And there were lighter moments too, like the strange juxtapositions of PNG life. “One minute you’re walking down a dusty road past a shack selling phone cards, a guy holding a live possum on a stick… and then suddenly you step into a café with a lush garden, a stream, and a coffee roaster. All within a short walk.”

Back in Nelson, the experience has left a lasting impression on the team and the wider All Saints community. “I think it’s strengthened our connection with MAF,” Gary reflects.

Based on an article in Kōrero by Spanky Moore.

- **Cross Cultural Mission in Fiji**

The Fiji Ministry Encounter Trip in December 2025 was, by all accounts, an incredible success. A group of nine rangatahi, young adults, and leaders travelled to Fiji as part of the Nelson Anglican Diocese's ongoing partnership with our Tikanga Pasifika whānau. This was the second visit to Dreketi, and it was powerful to see how deeply the relationships and learning have grown since **the first exchange**.

One of the most significant outcomes of the trip was the strengthening of cross-cultural relationships between Anglicans in Aotearoa, particularly within the Nelson Diocese, and our Polynesian Anglican brothers and sisters in Fiji. There was a strong sense of mutual learning and shared faith. For many of the team, seeing God at work in both big and small moments was deeply formative. Hana Wood reflected, "I saw God at work through the little moments. It was such a testament to how personal God is and how well he knows each of us. Seeing the youth two years later, they are walking testimonies of God's provision and faithfulness."

Time spent in Dreketi visiting elderly parishioners was especially moving. The team visited people in their homes, including one woman who had been living in a tent for five years after her house was damaged by flooding and cyclones. Sharing kōrero, prayer, and kai together was emotional for both the visitors and the hosts, highlighting the power of presence and relationship. Hospitality was a constant theme throughout the trip. Levi Petterson shared, "The Fijian people were incredibly welcoming and hospitable, especially in the Dreketi parish. Some people even took time off work just to spend time with us. That generosity really stood out." Luke Watts also noticed the strong sense of whānau. "Life felt so family oriented. People did everything together, and even just walking through town, everyone would say 'Bula' and you'd say it back. It felt so warm and welcoming."

*Based on an article in Kōrero by Brad Wood.*

- **Learning the 'gud nius' in the Awatere** Article by Spanky Moore

Loving God with all your tingting, spirit and beli.

When you think of the Awatere Valley, most people picture vineyards and long rows of grapevines bending in the wind. But over the past few months, in the evenings at the workers' accommodation quarters, something remarkable has been happening; groups of RSE (Recognised Seasonal Employer) workers gathering around the Bible – in two languages.

Rev John Phillips, the minister at Awatere Parish, didn't set out to launch a ministry like this. "It takes a while to build trust," he explained to me. "One group, from Papua New Guinea, were back for their second season, so I asked if they'd like to do some Bible studies. The other group, from Vanuatu, was led by a brother in Christ called Patrick, who has a long history with our church. Patrick invited me to lead some studies with the RSE household he looks after."

Rather than rolling out the standard videos and workbooks, John used studies adapted for people learning in their second language. “I started with an app called *Gud Nius Blong Jisas Kris* – a Bislama-language app – so the guys knew I wasn’t bringing a false gospel,” John said.

He also used the *Christianity Explored – Universal Edition*, which removes the very British-style videos and rewrites the material in simple English for cross-cultural groups. Later, they moved on to *Discipleship Explored*, which really seemed to connect with the group.

Each group required a different approach.

The Papua New Guinea group told me they often have teachers from Australia who don’t speak Tok Pijin, the common language there. When that happens, the teacher teaches in English and the group discusses in Tok Pijin, with the stronger English speakers helping the others learn. The Vanuatu group had a wide range of English ability and wanted to use their Bislama Bibles. They weren’t used to discussing the Bible, so we would read it in Bislama and English, then I’d ask questions. Patrick would explain in Bislama and often preached the message at the end. Over time the group began to discuss in Bislama and then check back with me in English.

Part of the unique dynamic of John’s experience has been that he’s had to be a student at the same time as being a leader. “It’s important for my brothers to see ‘the pastor’ struggling to learn some basics,” he laughed.

I love singing heartfelt praise and worship songs in Bislama with them. I’ve learned to say *gudnit* in the evenings and discovered little gems like *tok strong* – which means ‘rebuke’. We’ve even had to talk through key terms that don’t translate directly. In Bislama, for example, ‘heart’ doesn’t carry the metaphorical sense it does in English, so to love God with all your heart becomes loving him with all your *tingting* (mind), *spirit* (soul) and *beli* (belly).

What’s stayed with him are the faces. “I’ve loved hearing Patrick explain the gospel in Bislama to his household and challenge them to share the ‘gud nius’ when they go home. I’ve rejoiced at the joy I’ve seen on their faces as they reflect on the good news. One of the Papa New Guinea lads is a youth leader back home. He took a study guide and some manuals with him, determined to lead a study when he returned. That’s really exciting.”

**John’s encouragement is simple: “If anyone out there feels a call to mission, come to the wild lands of the Awatere, learn Bislama, and share the *gud nius*.”**

After all, as his brothers in Christ would say:

Hae God, i got pawa, i strong, yumi pikinini blong hem.
*Our God is powerful and strong – we are his children.*

Helen Neame
Nelson Diocesan Mission Rep

## CAIRA

**CAIRA Professional Pastoral Supervision** continues to be offered throughout the Nelson Diocese and beyond, staffed by professionally trained, licensed supervisors, meeting regularly with ordained and lay ministers and support people in various forms of ministry either in face-to-face situations or by Zoom or similar. The pool of supervisors live in both city and rural areas including Kaikoura and the West Coast.

It is encouraging to find CAIRA Pastoral Supervision being recognised and sought by members of an increasingly wide range of people-helping professions.

**The CAIRA model is based on the** interaction of Collegiality, Accountability, Identity, Responsibility and Authority. The regular time an individual shares with the supervisor offers a safe place to discuss personal and role related work issues in order to grow in personal competence in the role. It provides an opportunity for:

- A confidential relationship, centred in an atmosphere of trust and competence.
- A suitable environment for reflection, exploration and expression of the issues the person receiving supervision considers important to him/her.
- Non-judgemental acceptance of the other using a Christ-centred model.

CAIRA at its heart has the aim of cultivating a deep appreciation of the nature of God's love in the practice of ministry and developing an awareness of how each minister can be both safe in their practice and provide security for those to whom they minister.

**Celebrations and future opportunities:**
Jane Wulff is the coordinator for the Nelson/Marlborough group of Supervisors and continues to give good leadership.

Over 2025-2026 the Nelson/Marlborough and West Coast groups have maintained an active presence, with 17 supervisors drawn from a variety of denominations holding a current CAIRA NZ Supervisor's licence. Relicensing is required annually based on supervisors meeting ongoing professional development and training requirements.

A new initiative in supervision resourcing is a series of podcasts done by Nathan Hughes, Ken Shelley and Nina Harris. They write: In Episode 1 we explore, "what do we mean when we use the word supervision? How is it different from other 'helping' disciplines?". We ask "what is re-framing? Why is it so helpful?". We examine the possibly held myth: "I'm too busy for supervision". And finally, we explore, "what's the problem with obligation?". Have a listen on https://www.buzzsprout.com/2572469/episodes/18491168-i-m-too-busy-for-supervision

There is a hope that we will again offer a new course in 2027 with new leadership. The trainers are all from the current pool of supervisors who work as a team. The curriculum and content of the training course has included:

a. Ethics and Self Care
b. Mental Health Issues
c. Gender and Sexuality Issues
d. Cultural Issues
e. Spiritual Health
f. Crisis, Grief and Trauma
g. Social Justice and Social Power
h. Generational Understandings
i. Church Politics

**Challenges**:
Maintaining a strong presence on both the West Coast and Marlborough continues to be a challenge. CAIRA is keen to hear of anyone in these regions who is willing to undertake training. At this stage, we don't foresee another training course being run before 2027. However, we welcome expressions of interest.

We are currently looking to have new representation on the CAIRA National Advisory Group. In March this year the Rev Richard Dyer, resigned from National Advisory Group and it is hoped that two or three Nelson members will join the Advisory Group in 2027.

**Renewal:**
Ministry in any form is demanding and can trap us in risky practices and relationships. Supervision by its very nature is intended to keep the supervisees alert and reflective of their ministry practice. It invites us to be accountable and to take personal responsibility for what we do.

Keywords that are part of the supervision practice that will feed us and keep us growing in our dependence on God and his call are:

1. Improved Performance and Productivity**:**
2. Transparency and Trust**:**
3. Learning and Growth**:**
4. Ethical Behaviour**:**
5. Healthy Relationships**:**
6. Legal and Regulatory Compliance**:**
7. Effective Leadership**:**
8. Conflict Resolution**:**

See the website: www.caira.org.nz for further information including names of licensed supervisors available in the Nelson Diocese.

Prepared by Rev Captain Richard Dyer CA. MCAIRANZ

July 2026

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Hospital Chaplaincy
AMOKAPUA HOHIPERA
AOTEAROA

Presented to the Anglican Synod of Nelson

Covering Chaplaincy at Nelson, Alexandra and Wairau Hospitals

### INTRODUCTION

Hospital chaplaincy services at **Nelson Hospital**, **Alexandra Hospital at Richmond**, and **Wairau Hospital** continue to provide compassionate spiritual and pastoral care through **Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa**, working in partnership with **Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora**, local churches, diocesan partners, and community supporters.
Throughout the past year, chaplains, volunteer chaplaincy assistants (VCAs), locums, and chapel volunteers have served patients, whānau, and staff during times of illness, grief, uncertainty, recovery, and hope. Whether through bedside visits, prayer, sacramental ministry, cultural and spiritual support, staff care, or simply a ministry of presence, chaplaincy remains an important part of holistic healthcare across the Nelson - Wairau Diocese.
In the Nelson-Marlborough region, we have:

- **Simon Terrill**, Chaplain at Nelson Hospital
- **Marion Rowe**, Chaplain at Wairau Hospital

Both are employed by Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa and serve as compassionate, trusted presences within their respective hospitals

### NELSON HOSPITAL

Chaplaincy services at Nelson Hospital are delivered by a full-time Chaplain (1 FTE) and part-time administrator employed by Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa, working alongside Locum Chaplains and dedicated Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCAs). This collaborative team provides spiritual and pastoral support throughout the hospital community.

Over the past year, the chaplaincy team supported a total of **2,804 individuals**, including:

- 1,911 patients
- 493 whānau groups
- 400 staff members

Chaplaincy ministry is inclusive and person-centred, adapting to the needs of those receiving care while remaining accessible to people from every faith tradition and none. In total, **960 spiritual rituals** were offered over the course of the year. These have included:

- Anointing of the sick
- Blessings
- Bedside Communion
- Private prayer and spiritual counsel

The team responded to **65 internal referrals** from hospital staff and departments, as well as **143 external referrals** from community organisations, churches, and whānau—demonstrating the growing visibility and value of chaplaincy within and beyond the hospital setting

## Gratitude and Acknowledgements - Nelson Hospital

### Ministry of Presence and Spiritual Care

Hospital chaplaincy is centred on accompanying people through some of life's most challenging and significant moments. At Nelson Hospital, the Chaplaincy Team provides spiritual and pastoral support to patients, whānau, and staff through attentive listening, prayer, conversation, and compassionate presence. Our ministry seeks to honour the dignity, beliefs, culture, and circumstances of each person, offering care that is inclusive, respectful, and responsive to individual needs.

### Volunteer and Staff Commitment

The chaplaincy service is sustained by a dedicated team of Locum Chaplains, Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCAs), and administrative support staff, whose commitment enables the ministry to remain active and accessible throughout the hospital.

Following the retirement of Rev. Stephen Gully in August 2025, the Locum Chaplain team has played a vital role in maintaining continuity of chaplaincy services. Together with our VCAs, they have continued to provide faithful pastoral support to patients, whānau, and staff, demonstrating flexibility, generosity, and a shared commitment to serving others.

### Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)

The Nelson Local Chaplaincy Committee, chaired by Rev. Paul Tregurtha, continues to provide valuable governance, advocacy, and encouragement for the chaplaincy service. Throughout the year, the committee has supported fundraising initiatives, strengthened connections with local churches, and helped promote awareness of chaplaincy ministry within the wider community. We are grateful for their ongoing dedication and support.

### Partnership with Te Whatu Ora – Nelson Marlborough

We value the positive relationship that exists between chaplaincy and Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough. Chaplaincy is recognised as an important contributor to holistic patient care and remains well integrated within hospital life. We particularly acknowledge the support of Hilary Exton, who served as Chaplaincy Liaison Manager for a number of years and extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed liaison manager. Ongoing involvement in staff orientation programmes continues to increase awareness of chaplaincy services and encourage appropriate referrals.

**Fundraising and Financial Support**

The continued generosity of the Anglican Diocese of Nelson, local congregations, trusts, and individual supporters plays an essential role in sustaining hospital chaplaincy. We are deeply thankful for this partnership.

The annual hospital fundraising stall was once again a highlight of the year, supported by generous donations of goods from parishioners and local churches. Beyond its financial contribution, the event reflects the strong connection between chaplaincy and the wider faith community that stands behind this ministry.

**Connecting with the Church Community**

Strong relationships with local churches remain an important source of support and encouragement for the chaplaincy team. We encourage congregations and parish leaders to let us know when members of their church community are admitted to hospital and would appreciate a chaplaincy visit.

The annual Christmas carol event continues to be a valued expression of this partnership, bringing together local churches, hospital staff, patients, and visitors in a celebration of hope and joy. We are grateful to all who participate and help make this special occasion possible each year

## WAIRAU HOSPITAL

Chaplaincy services at Wairau Hospital are currently delivered through a 0.3 FTE allocation funded by Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa. The team includes **Ray Coats (0.2 FTE Locum Chaplain)** and **Marion Rowe (0.1 FTE Chaplain)**, whose ministry is supplemented by a volunteer locum chaplain providing regular Friday morning coverage and responding to pastoral needs when additional support is required.

Together, the team brings a broad range of ministry experience, life perspectives, and denominational backgrounds, enriching the chaplaincy service and enabling it to connect with a diverse hospital community. Feedback from patients and staff continues to affirm the value of this collaborative approach and the positive contribution chaplaincy makes to the wellbeing of those within the hospital.

Over the past year, the Wairau Chaplaincy Team has supported:

- **1,271 patients**
- **59 whānau groups**
- **136 spiritual rituals (including blessings, anointing, and private prayer)**
- **141 internal referrals received from hospital staff**
- **21 external referrals from churches or community groups**

This integrated approach ensures that those in spiritual or emotional distress—regardless of their faith background—have access to meaningful, compassionate care when they need it most.

## Gratitude and Acknowledgements - Wairau Hospital

### Building Connections across the Hospital

Chaplaincy continues to strengthen its visibility and accessibility within Wairau Hospital. The chaplaincy office, situated in a central location, provides a welcoming point of contact for staff, patients, whānau, and visitors. Many informal conversations begin with a simple visit or passing interaction, often leading to opportunities for pastoral support, prayer, or spiritual care. These everyday encounters help build trust and reinforce chaplaincy's role as an integral part of hospital life.

### Partnership with Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough

We value the positive working relationships developed with Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough and the wider hospital team. Regular participation in Mihi Whakatau ceremonies provides an opportunity to welcome new staff and introduce the chaplaincy service as part of the hospital's commitment to holistic care. The increasing number of referrals from clinical staff reflects a growing awareness of the support chaplaincy can offer to patients, whānau, and colleagues.

### Spiritual Care Resources

The hospital chapel continues to be a place of reflection, prayer, and quiet support. The visitors' book remains a meaningful way for people to record prayers, reflections, and messages of encouragement, while also providing valuable insight into how the chapel is being used. Seasonal displays and resources help keep the space relevant and welcoming, with this year's Matariki-themed display receiving particularly positive feedback from both staff and visitors.

### Festive Community Engagement

The annual Christmas carol service once again provided an opportunity to bring the hospital and wider community together in celebration. Supported by hospital staff, volunteers, and local churches, the event offered a welcome moment of hope and connection within the hospital environment. Fellowship following the service added to the sense of community and remains a valued part of the chaplaincy calendar.

## CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Across Nelson, Wairau, and Alexandra Hospitals, chaplaincy continues to make a meaningful contribution to the wellbeing of patients, whānau, and staff by providing spiritual care, pastoral support, and a compassionate presence during times of illness, loss, uncertainty, and healing. Every day, chaplains and volunteers have the privilege of walking alongside people at significant moments in their lives, offering hope, encouragement, prayer, and practical care.

This ministry is sustained through the commitment of many people working together. We are grateful for the dedication of our Chaplains, Locum Chaplains, Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants, administrators, Local Chaplaincy Committee members, hospital staff, and the many supporters who uphold this work through prayer, advocacy, and financial giving.

We extend our special thanks to the **Anglican Diocese of Nelson** for its longstanding partnership with Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa. Through your support, leadership, and active engagement in the life of chaplaincy, you help ensure that spiritual care remains an important part of the hospital environment. The contribution of Anglican parishes, clergy, and volunteers continues to strengthen this ministry in both practical and spiritual ways.

Looking to the future, we remain focused on building sustainable chaplaincy services that are responsive, inclusive, and accessible to all who need them. We value the ongoing partnership of the Diocese as we continue sharing Christ's love through presence, service, and care within our hospitals and wider communities

**Nga mihi nui - thank you for standing with us.**

**Mandy Carian**

Fundraising and Partnerships Manager
Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa

## ST ANDREW'S FAMILY TRUST

**Chairperson's Report to Synod 2026**

### Introduction

The St Andrew's Family Trust exists to help children and their families in hardship and difficult social circumstances. The Trust's journey began as an orphanage. It now funds early intervention projects and financial hardship grants from interest received from its investments.

Given the current climate, the Trust, like the Anglican Care Committee, has seen an increase in hardship applications as families struggle to make ends meet. As trustees, we have the responsibility of stewarding the precious resources God has given to restore hope among the most vulnerable.

Within this small ministry we have a strong team of disciples honouring God as Trustees of this fund. Through systems of referral, we try to identify and support proven projects aimed at 'prevention and education' in our communities, as 'a fence at the top of the cliff rather than an ambulance at the bottom'. We also provide urgent and emergency funding to those in desperate need by a referral system.

Looking ahead, we will continue this work but will look for ways to work with other organisations so children and families in need receive wraparound support alongside what we can provide. This might mean ending some work and planting new seeds that support the bigger picture of work by others in the community and the church.

In the last year, Maree Chaney, who has been a part of the St Andrews Family Trust since 2015, decided to step down from the chair. It has been a privilege to be asked to take on the role, although I know I have big shoes to fill.

### Good News

For the first 6 months of this year St Andrew's Trust made 25 hardships grants. These included providing funding to parents so they could purchase car seats appropriate for their children, therapy sessions for children who had experienced trauma along with assistance with other whanau related expenses.

During the same period 4 project grants were made to support the work of youth and family work in parishes.

Along with Anglican Care Committee, work is underway to move applications for assistance to be available electronically. This will make a for a more efficient process going forward. We have also started exploring how we might tie in better with Anglican Care given our common mission to children and families.

You always wonder if help has reached the right place and if we have indeed made a difference. Reassurance often comes in the form of letters from those we have helped. It is a great joy to hear that God's love has reached people in practical ways.

**Going forward**

As a Trust, we look to the next year with open hearts to God's leading. We pray that we might be guided to grow within this ministry and as we make decisions and direct our financial support to those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

We will continue to look for improved outcomes for young people and their whanau with a focus on them receiving continuing support from others in the community.

We will continue to provide support for projects but recognise that we need to give more thought to sustainability, longevity and ensuring that we are connected to the bigger picture.

We also recognise the need to work with others, sharing information and identifying what the needs are. We constantly need to be checking what is happening in our communities and growing our body of knowledge so that we better direct the help we have to offer.

It is an exciting time, and we look forward to growing this collaborative approach. In my view it fits well with the revitalisation vision of Bishop Steve.

**Thank you**

I would like to thank the members of the Trust for their on-going work and support. Current trustees are Maree Chaney, Jen Lockwood, Patrina Classen, Philippa Adams, Robyn White and me as chair. We currently have one vacancy. It is a big commitment and they are highly valued. A special word of thanks must go to Maree Chaney for her faithfulness as chair of the Trust. I also want to say a great big thank you to Diocesan staff who have been there with knowledge and administrative support.

A thank you to Jason Shaw for his contribution. Both Jason and more recently, Paul Milson as the Social Service Coordinator, have been a great assistance to our work. The links Paul has within the community are already proving invaluable.

Thanks, are also due to the Diocesan staff, particularly Deborah and Mika, who provide administrative support. We couldn't do this without you.

Together, with God's grace, we continue the work of caring for vulnerable children in our community.

***Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai***
*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

Laurie Gabites
Chair - St Andrews Family Trust

# DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

## BISHOP'S MINISTRY TEAM / MINISTRY EDUCATION

### Bishop's Ministry Team (BMT) & Ministry Education Report 2026

The Bishop's Ministry Team exists to support the Bishop and parishes in their vision of developing flourishing communities of faith. This year has been marked by both growth and change as we continue to strengthen leadership, encourage evangelism, and invest in ministry formation across the Diocese.

### Healthy Shoots

One of the most encouraging signs of growth has been the continued development of the Bishop's Ministry Team under the leadership of **Joshua Moore**. The team currently comprises Amanda Poil (Children and Families Ministry), Paul Milson (Social Services), Brad Wood (Youth and Young Adults), Liesel de Kriek (Older Persons Ministry and Rest Home Chaplaincy), Watiri Maina (Women in Leadership), Simon Martin (Bishop's Chaplain and Ministry Education), and Bishop Steve Maina.

We farewelled **Jason Shaw** and thanked him for his contribution to social service ministries, while welcoming **Paul Milson** into that role. We also farewelled **Renata van der Wal**, who has undertaken advanced theological study in Melbourne after faithfully serving as administrator.

A particular highlight has been the growing work of **Watiri Maina** in supporting and encouraging women in leadership. New connections, mentoring relationships, and opportunities for leadership development are beginning to emerge and show promise for the future.

The monthly **Clergy Leadership Hui** continued to provide encouragement, learning, and fellowship for clergy across the Diocese.

The ongoing development of **Haere Mai** has also been encouraging. Parishes have embraced opportunities to engage their communities through evangelism, particularly around Easter. The provocative billboard campaign addressing common misunderstandings of the Easter story received significant uptake and generated valuable community conversations about faith and the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection.

### What Needs Pruning?

Financial realities continue to challenge both parishes and the Diocese. As a result, we chose not to proceed with a Leadership Camp at St Arnaud this year. Instead, we hosted a series of **Emmaus Regional Gatherings**, reducing travel and accommodation costs while increasing accessibility for clergy and lay leaders. The regional model proved both affordable and effective, enabling wider participation and stronger local connections.

**Planting New Seeds**

A significant opportunity has emerged through the continued support of the **St John's College Trust Board**. Funding has enabled ministry education projects, leadership development initiatives, and training opportunities throughout the Diocese.

This year a new **Study and Sabbatical Scholarships Committee** was established to oversee scholarship funding. Beyond ensuring good stewardship, this has created greater engagement with students and ministry leaders as they discern their educational pathways. The opportunity to accompany and support those preparing for future ministry may prove as valuable as the financial assistance itself.

As we look ahead, we see opportunities to continue investing in evangelism, leadership development, ministry education, and the nurturing of future leaders. We give thanks for the healthy shoots we can see, seek wisdom in necessary pruning, and trust God for the harvest from the seeds being planted today.

**Rev Canon Simon Martin**
*Bishop's Chaplain & Ministry Education Coordinator*
**Synod 2026**

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Amanda Poil**

It is such a blessing and a privilege to be supporting Children and Families Ministry across our Diocese. I so enjoy hearing from our children's workers, volunteers and ministry leaders who faithfully serve, love and disciple families. Thank you to each and every person and parish that contributes to the discipleship of our young people - from leading songs, planning a Bible lesson, assisting with crafts, offering a snack, or giving a prayer or word of encouragement. We are planting seeds, watering, tending soil and caring for young people with life-long faith formation in mind, leading to disciples who look and act more and more like Jesus.

There are so many signs of healthy growth throughout our Diocese amongst our Children and Families, and I know that speaks of the healthy soil and great work being done 'underground'. New sprouts that are shooting up include: Golden Bay with an intermediates group, Tahunanui with a Monday after school club, Awatere with a new intermediate's worker, and All Saints with Saturday Whanau church. As well, there are new families in key leadership roles in several parishes including: Motueka, Mapua, Brightwater, Wakefield, Havelock, Cobden & Westport.

Healthy fruit comes from healthy roots. Like a forest, one sign of healthy roots is being connected to and supporting one another. CFM leaders do this in various ways such as through small group catch ups, taking part in Strandz national Scope Groups, taking part in the Te Puna Wāhine Cohort (led by Watiri) and through parishes collaborating together. Collaboration can be seen with the intergenerational Worship Nights that Victory and Tahunanui initiated. It has been a joy to see young people play such a big role in these gatherings. Brightwater and Wakefield enjoyed putting on an Easter Party together. Our 'Intermediate Hangs' gatherings continue to support young people from Victory, All Saints, Tahunanui, Stoke and Richmond. While our Victory Hoops basketball ministry has seen collaboration between Victory and All Saints parishes to support young people in the Victory/Toi Toi area.

Youth Enabler, Brad Wood and I were able to collaborate with Rise Hikitia, a local organisation that focuses on the prevention of family violence. Together we offered 3 sessions for parents/caregivers, leaders and educators in the area of online safety and digital health. These sessions were very well attended , helping the Diocese to connect positively with the wider community, and supporting our own families in discipling their young people.

I was able to attend the Intergenerate Aus/NZ conference in Christchurch, an organisation that equips churches for intergenerational ministry, and fostering connections across different ages and stages. Following that event, I invited the team to run an Intergenerate workshop day in Nelson. The theme was 'Planted to Flourish' and was well attended with representation from our Nelson, Waimea and Mawhera Deaneries, as well as a number of local Baptist leaders joining us.

Convergence camp was another highlight for families in our Diocese this year, with a total of 77 children from creche age to high school year 10 in attendance. We were incredibly grateful to Holy Trinity Richmond for the leadership of Zane, Karen and the Elliott family who ran the primary aged programme with a strong Biblical focus that was fun and engaging. Many thanks to Kathryn VanVeen, for overseeing the creche programme, and to the leaders who supported our intermediates and youth.

While we did not have a St Arnaud family friendly Leadership Camp this year, we had three Emmaus regional gatherings and this provided opportunity to connect with leaders across the Diocese. We notice that as we weave ourselves together, we are stronger and more effective.

Many thanks to Gayle (Cathedral) and Maria (Tahunanui) for serving these past few years and the leadership they have provided to the kids' programmes in both of those parishes. We pray for new leaders to step into the gaps.

There are many wonderful activities happening throughout the Diocese including play groups, mainly music, Messy Church, Sunday Schools, afterschool clubs, holiday programmes, parenting classes and more. Still, a majority of parishes feel stretched in the areas of leaders, volunteers and resources. There are parishes who have no or very few young people attending services, and while needs in our communities are still great, this requires wisdom for leaders to consider innovative ways to connect to their neighbourhoods. It is through prayer, collaboration and prioritising Children & Families ministry that we will see fruitfulness and growing disciples who love Jesus in our parishes. We need courage to live on mission, to build friendships and to be ready to share the hope of the Gospel. As we discern how to prioritise Children and Families, and where to put our resources, my hope is we will continue to see God moving and families thriving throughout the top of the South.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL CONTENT ADVISOR

Petra Oomen

This past year has been a continuation of growth for Kōrero and our social media.

**Healthy shoots**

Three more parishes have completed the branding and website process: Stoke, Reefton and Motueka.




The routine that Brad Wood established of assigning Kōrero articles to members of the Bishop's Ministry Team while I was on maternity leave has continued – I have been able to meet with the team every six weeks or so to hear ideas and schedule articles. This has served both to bring out more stories straight from the people on the ground, and to relieve some of the pressure for me. I'm very grateful for this collaboration.

**Pruning.**

The practice of using generative AI wisely is an ongoing challenge and as I have experimented, reflected, assessed my productivity with and without it, and examined stances from communication departments of other organisations on it, I have decided to limit it to very minimal use – particularly in Kōrero.

**New seeds in good soil.**

I had a few opportunities to hit the road for Kōrero and visit people and parishes where they are in places like Motueka, Blenheim and Tākaka. It's a completely different experience to contacting them via email or phone – seeing people in their place and being a representative of the diocesan office is meaningful for both parties. It makes the articles more personal and embodied. It's something I'd like to do more of in the future.

## Quick Stats: From 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2026

Our website (www.nelsonanglican.nz) has had 38,000 visitors since 31 July 2025. Up from 29,000 in 2024 and 19,000 in 2023.

Visits come primarily from organic searches (like Google), followed by email and social media.

### Most viewed Kōrero articles*:

*Published 31/7/25 - 31/7/26

1. A Golden Bay birthday party for our 'messed-up blessed-up' Church, Petra Oomen
2. Tārore of Waharoa: a parable of hope, Renata van der Wal
3. Should Christians celebrate Matariki? Tim Mora
4. Stephen Gully on the life of a hospital chaplain, Petra Oomen
5. Meeting Jesus on the Tākaka village green, Petra Oomen
6. Bishopdale College celebrates new graduates, Petra Oomen
7. Bishop to 'Go the Distance' in 100km run for Bishopdale College, Petra Oomen
8. Different brains in the body of Christ: neurodivergence at church, Karen Elliott
9. Close-ups of the Christmas Tree Festival, Petra Oomen
10. Hearts that burn: where do they come from? Bishop Steve

### Kōrero:

- 468 email subscribers
- 137 new articles published

### Social media:

- 730 Facebook followers (131 new)
- 242,800 post views on Facebook
- 114 Instagram followers (28 new)

### Parish website** visits:

- All Saints: 3,438
- Brightwater: 1,815
- Cobden-Runanga: 1,475
- Kaikōura: 848
- Picton: 983
- Richmond: 3,233
- Victory: 1,500
- Awatere: 1,728
- Buller: 1,441
- Golden Bay: 3,900
- Motueka: 557
- Reefton: 148
- Stoke: 2,733
- Wakefield: 1,833

**Websites created and supported by the diocese

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR - PIONEERING MINISTRY

Rev Joshua Moore

**Kia ora!** Over the past year, my role has continued to evolve according to the needs of the Diocese. Alongside my work in pioneering ministry, I also have responsibilities including:

- Co-ordinating aspects of the Bishop's Ministry Team
- Supporting local interns at Bishopdale College
- Supporting key leaders & training emerging leaders
- Developing and delivering Wayfinder Vision Days
- Supporting Bishop Steve's Bishopdale "Go the Distance" Campaign

**Healthy Shoots**

**Emmaus:** It was encouraging to see the high turnout at this year's Emmaus regional training days. With over 200 adults in attendance, and a sense of deep engagement with the various trainings, it showed the depth and commitment of our local leaders. It was a good opportunity for the Diocesan team to hear the regional concerns of each Deanery, which is now informing our strategic planning.

**Wayfinder Vision Days:** We continue to support parishes to clarify their vision, hosting Wayfinder Vision Days over the past year at Victory, Buller and Wakefield. These are designed to help parishes discern their God-given vision and identify practical, achievable goals aligned with that vision. However it happens, we want all our parishes to have a clear sense of vision in action that is known and owned.

**Up First Leadership Cohort:** This year Phil Greenwood and I have been working with 5 of our younger clergy (either newly ordained or newly appointed into a parish role). The group meets fortnightly to explore key leadership issues and to establish a positive sense of culture amongst our next generation of ordained leadership. I imagine most Dioceses would be suitably envious of the number and quality of young leaders we have.

**Ruru Prayer Initiative:** This year we have been hosting the "40 Weeks of Prayer" at Mamaku Grove (Golden Bay), in an attempt to foster a deeper prayer life in our Diocese - which is an area we tend to struggle with. So far, the response has been positive, with a good number of people booking in weekends at the Ruru Hut in 2026 to pray for themselves, our church and the world. Spaces are still available.

## Pruning

**Suter House:** After running Suter House for four years (a residential leadership formation program) for young leaders, we've decided to hit pause on it. Suter had a significant impact on a cohort of young leaders, including Jason Shaw, Renata van der Wal, Mike Jessop, Marzi van der Mark, Joshu Munro and Lilly Downing, who all continue to offer significant leadership in our church. It's nice to see Stoke Parish beginning a similar kind of house in 2026.

**Kākano Local Mission Incubator:** After three years and 70 participants, we are pausing the Kākano incubator program until another layer of lay leaders is available to be worked with in this focused way. We've heard from many of our past participants how significant the program has been in clarifying their missional calling and identifying next steps in their lay leadership.

## Good Soil to Plant New Seeds

**Discipleship amongst New Believers and Re-churched:** In our Diocese, we are often balancing seasons that focus on evangelism, leadership development, and discipleship. With a growing number of new believers and re-churched folks coming to our churches, we're seeing increased questions about how we approach discipleship in our parishes and as a Diocese.

**Parish collaboration:** With the growing need to work more closely together in each of our regions, it seems the right time to even more intentionally foster deep relationships between parishes, especially within Deaneries, and to explore shared projects.

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR -OLDER PERSONS SERVICES

Liesel de Kriek

Annual Summary & Reflections for 2025-2026

**OLDER PERSONS**

The Older person's ministry focus has been connecting with the parish workers who do a variety of activities within their parishes both for their members and outward into the wider community. The focus for the volunteer rest home chaplains has been on the stabilising of this group and ensuring all rest homes have at least one chaplain.

Older person' s workers provide parishes with a variety of services which include programmes in their parishes, visiting older persons in their home, offering services in Rest Homes and one parish nurse. We have farewelled Angela Galbraith, Beryl Shatford-Banks, Anna Bourke, Jocelyn Walker, David Farrant and Heather Hoad this year. They are to be thanked for their long tenure and creative support to older persons in the Diocese.

There has been a total of 6 new appointments by the parishes.

1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?

   This team of workers are excited by working in the church and broader communities. They offer diverse programmes that allow for community members to be welcomed. The movement classes that many run are very popular, as are community drop-in centres and lunches. Elder workers often act as a link with community providers to get information to the people (scamming, preventing falls and healthy behaviour) and are a voice back to the wider community.

   A strength in this area are the volunteers who form teams that make tea and coffee, do door duty to check no one runs away and who take time to chat and listen.

2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?

   The pruning is to look towards the next generation of volunteers and ensuring longevity of programmes and adaption to the needs at community level.

3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?

   *Opening the doors that allow the volunteers to be supported as a ministry of their own.* By that I mean we need to ensure that they are not just there to support the ministry, but focused pastoral care is given to them and that they receive training to do what they have been asked to do.

   *Being a Christian witness in places that care for the older persons in our communities.* Encouraging lay people to be witnesses of Jesus in the clubs (tennis club, cycling group, Eldernet) and places of abode. This will then welcome them into discipleship or Alpha spaces.

   *A process whereby pre-retirees are encouraged to consider their next phase of life as missional.*

**CHAPLAINCY - REST HOMES**

All the Rest home care facilities between Nelson and Takaka have a Christian presence either through a volunteer chaplain (14), local parish or elder care workers.
Marlborough has an organization that works independently. Mawhera has good systems of pastoral support
To support the chaplains there are monthly peer support gatherings.

1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?

   The Chaplains are eager to attend our monthly meetings and actively take part. (I have a bell to get their attention). Topics include listening, loss and grief, what to expect in a rest home, safeguarding and ethics, which also allow for professional development among the Older Person's workers.

   The chaplain spends an hour or more per week to their assigned home. The way each engages is unique to their character, such as taking in a ukelele, hosting chats with residents, pastoral visiting in a room or sitting with the dying and praying when asked. Chaplains respond to requests from the diversional therapists (DT).

   The testimony of a DT is that after a chaplain has spent some time with a difficult resident, she is able to get closer to and work with the resident for up to 3 days after the chaplain's input

2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?

   We need to recruit and train more!

3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives? The areas of growth are:

   Encouraging men to join the team.
   Training up new recruits and aiming for 2 chaplains per rest home.
   Collaboration in training with other chaplaincy organizations.
   Creating space in other deaneries to develop chaplaincy.

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR -SOCIAL SERVICES

Rev Paul Milson

**1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?**

I've only been in the role for a few months, but here are my observations:

- First of all, a big shout out to my predecessor, Jason Shaw, who has done an amazing job of connecting with secular social services leading to great outcomes for people facing hardship in our communities.
- It's been very encouraging to meet some amazing people in our parishes who are doing great work with community-facing ministries – feeding the poor, connecting the lonely, and giving hope across generations.
- I've been particularly impressed with our Elder Care Workers and their teams, who across the Diocese bring a lot of kingdom goodness into the lives of many older people.
- The Anglican Care Committee (ACC) are in the throes of having some important strategic discussions that will lead to clearer, Dio vision-aligned criteria and an outcomes-focused framework for decision making. We are also aiming to make the entire application process more user-friendly for parish leaders. Amongst other things, watch this space for an online hardship grant application form.
- ACC are part of a little collective of like-minded funding organisations from the community, which we are calling – wait for it! – The Little Collective. This group includes the Fifeshire Foundation, the Care Foundation, Top of the South Foundation, and has input and direction from our friend Blair Carpenter representing the Department of Internal Affairs. We are currently dreaming and planning on how we can work together to have a greater positive impact on local communities than we can as individual organisations. Jason, ACC chair Laurie Gabites, and Dio Manager Chris Ward have been instrumental in building relationships over the last few years to help make this possible.

**2. What needs to be pruned?**

In my interactions with workers from secular social services, it has become clear to me that we are very much in the same business - of bringing kingdom wholeness into the lives of those in our communities facing hardship. Having Christians and Christian organisations in secular social service spaces doesn't seem to bother anybody. I wonder if we need to prune our fear of collaborating with others from a different worldview without hiding or minimising our own core beliefs in the King of the kingdom?

**3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries might God be calling you to cultivate?**

I'm still too new to make any strong statements in this space, but here's a few thoughts:

- There is likely more opportunity for partnering and collaboration – both with secular organisations and between churches/Christian organisations.
- There is opportunity for parishes to think more strategically about disciple-making opportunities emerging from community-facing ministries.
- One of the main things ACC does is provide one-off hardship grants for children, families, or older persons who are facing hardship– to the amount of $500, give or take. This could be anything from shoes for the kids, fixing the washing machine, covering camp costs, budgeting advice, paying an unexpected or high bill etc. These are made by social service workers or parish leaders. The vast majority of these applications are made by workers in secular social services – which is good and appropriate. However, I would love to see the percentage of hardship grant applications made by parish leaders grow. It's an easy and practical way for your church to show the love of Christ to community people you are journeying with.

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR -YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Rev Brad Wood

**Overview**

The past year has been one of continued growth in youth ministry across Nelson Diocese. It has been encouraging to see young leaders continue to develop, youth ministries deepen, and strong connections across our deaneries remain a central part of our shared life.

For me personally, this year has also brought significant change. In February 2026 I reduced my Youth Enabler role to half time in order to begin serving as the half time Vicar of the Waimea Parish. Holding these two very different ministries together has brought both joy and challenge as I continue to discern how to faithfully support diocesan youth ministry while also establishing myself in parish ministry.

**Healthy Shoots**

There is much to be thankful for as we reflect on the past year.

Spring Camp continues to be one of the most significant expressions of youth ministry within our diocese. Around 120 young people and leaders gathered from across every deanery, demonstrating the strength of our diocesan youth network. These shared events remain a vital expression of our values of family, hospitality, adventure, innovation, and truth. They provide opportunities for young people to encounter Christ, build lasting friendships, and discover that they are part of something much bigger than their own local youth group.

Another significant highlight was our second Ministry Encounter to Fiji. In December I took ten young leaders and youth workers from across the diocese to partner with the youth and community in Dreketi, on Vanua Levu. While the trip itself was deeply rewarding, it is important to recognise that it forms part of a much wider six month programme of leadership development, discipleship, and cultural formation.

The opportunity to experience the life and faith of another part of our Anglican Province helps our young leaders understand that we belong to a church that extends beyond Aotearoa New Zealand into Polynesia. These relationships continue to shape participants into more mature disciples with a broader vision of God's mission and the diversity of the Anglican Church.

Easter Camp also remains one of the most significant moments of spiritual growth for our young people each year. Around fifty young people from our diocese attended, once again partnering with Motueka Baptist Church and Atawhai Community Church. This partnership allows us not only to bless our own young people, but also to serve alongside other churches throughout our region.

I would particularly like to acknowledge Stephen and Lynley Rutherford for their outstanding leadership of the Nelson Diocese group. Their pastoral care, organisation, and servant leadership helped create an environment where young people, whether exploring faith for the first time or growing as mature disciples, were able to encounter Jesus in meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, another exciting initiative is our upcoming Waitangi Hīkoi in partnership with Karuwhā. Eight young adult leaders have now been selected and have begun a six-month programme of preparation. Like our Fiji programme, this is far more than a trip. It is a formational journey that develops leadership, discipleship, and cultural awareness.

As Anglicans in Aotearoa, our identity is deeply connected with the history of the Gospel in this land and with our Three Tikanga Church. Walking together through places such as Waitangi helps our young leaders understand both our history and our calling as followers of Christ today. I continue to see this programme as one of the most valuable leadership formation opportunities we offer.

**Pruning**

The greatest challenge this year has been learning how to faithfully fulfil a role that has reduced by half while simultaneously beginning a new ministry as Vicar of Waimea Parish.

The reality is that I have not been able to be as present with our youth workers and parishes as I would have liked. Less travel, fewer in person visits, and reduced availability have all required difficult decisions about where time and energy are invested.

This season has highlighted the importance of focusing on those areas where the Youth Enabler role can have the greatest diocesan impact, while also recognising that some expectations and ways of working need to change to remain sustainable. I continue to reflect on how the role can best support local leaders while operating within its new capacity.

**Planting New Seeds**

Looking forward, I remain excited about the opportunities before us.

The Waitangi Hīkoi programme continues to provide a powerful pathway for forming culturally grounded Anglican leaders who are equipped to serve both Church and community.

I also hope to continue strengthening leadership development pathways that intentionally invest in young people over longer periods of time, rather than focusing solely on individual events. The greatest fruit continues to come from sustained relationships, mentoring, shared experiences, and opportunities for young people to grow in faith while serving others.

Finally, I remain grateful for the remarkable team of youth workers serving throughout our diocese. Tim and Nicki Mora (Greymouth), Matt Watts (Westport), Georgia Armstrong (Stoke), Samuel Oomen (Nelson), Will Poil (Nelson), Rita Nzimbi (Victory), Ethan Santich (Tahunanui), and Jonathan Tweedale (Marlborough) continue to faithfully serve young people within their local communities. Their commitment, creativity, and perseverance make diocesan youth ministry possible, and I deeply appreciate both their ministry and their grace as we continue adapting to the changing shape of my role.

As we continue this Season of Revitalisation, my prayer is that we would remain committed to raising up disciples who make disciples, investing deeply in young leaders, and helping the next generation discover their place in God's mission throughout the Nelson Diocese.

Ngā mihi,

Brad.

## WOMEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPER

Rev Watiri Maina

**Executive Summary:** This first year has established a clear foundation for women's ministry leadership development by identifying a strong need for connection, encouragement, equipping, and intergenerational support across the diocese.

**Beginning the Journey**

Last year, I started my role as Women in Ministry Leadership Developer. This role has given me a great deal of delight, and I have really appreciated the opportunity to serve the diocese by engaging, encouraging, and equipping women in ministry leadership and their development.

When I think about definitions, there are various words that beg for definition.

**Ministry** – Serving in the church and community as Christians who are witnesses of Christ, representing him wherever we are.

**Leadership** – The state of guiding or showing the way. This gives us a helpful picture of leadership: someone who shows the way and guides others along the journey. This is what all of us do in one area of life or another.

**Healthy Shoots: Signs of Growth**

This is a new space, but also a familiar space, as there is a history of women's ministry in this diocese. Others have run women's groups over the years.

What we are doing now has grown out of a survey that was initially triggered by my studies in leadership and spiritual formation. I was seeking to understand what flourishing in ministry looks like and how Christian leaders might flourish through ministry life. This interest led to a particular focus on women in ministry leadership—lay and ordained, including ministry wives.

Through surveys, interviews and focus groups, we learnt that women in ministry leadership longed for a space to connect with other women: a place to find encouragement and equipping. Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the surveys, interviews, focus groups and the programme that emerged as a result.

The pilot programme has been running for six months. Early feedback confirms that women value a dedicated space for theological reflection, shared wisdom, mutual encouragement, and practical leadership development, and the pilot provides an initial model for future diocesan formation. This program is called Te Puna Wāhine: Women's Wellspring. It has been running from April and will end with a retreat in September. Thanks to Marzi and Rita Nzimbi for their help planning and leading, as well as to all the presenters, Bible reflection leaders, and participants.

**Ordained Women**

We are exploring ways of connecting ordained women, both retired and currently ordained, and considering how to form a forum of support, encouragement, and celebration of ministry.

My hope is that we find ways to draw on the wisdom of our elders, with senior ordained women sharing their experiences and journeys with younger ordained women as well as those exploring vocational ministry, and to create opportunities for encouragement, mentoring, and growth.

**Pruning – Making Space for Change**

I think the process is still in the early stages of forming, and we need continuous feedback so the offerings, opportunities, and programme remain women-led and appropriate to the needs and seasons of the women we are seeking to serve.

The next stage will involve gathering clearer measures of participation, feedback, ministry needs, and leadership growth so the programme and initiatives can remain responsive while also demonstrating its value to the wider diocese.

**Invitation: New Seeds**

We are grateful for the male champions in the diocese who support and encourage women in ministry leadership.

I was elected to serve as a Nelson Link on the Anglican Women's Studies Group as well as a member of the Council of Anglican Women.

Next year, 2027, we will be celebrating 50 years of the ordination of women in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

We welcome women of different ages and from different groups to feel free to contact me. I am open to speaking at churches and groups, and we have a team of other women who would be willing to support you in your growth through women's ministry, support, encouragement, and training.

As we look toward the 2027 celebration of 50 years of women's ordination, I invite diocesan leaders, churches, and ministry groups to actively support this work through prayer, encouragement, partnership, and opportunities for women to gather, learn, mentor, and lead.

There are healthy shoots emerging, new seeds being planted, and some areas that need pruning. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to be part of what he is growing among women in ministry across our diocese.

Psalm 36:9 "For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light" (NIV)

Thank you all for your support and prayers.
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## BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Bishopdale College

### Report to Nelson Diocesan Synod 2026

Bishopdale College exists to train and equip leaders for the revitalisation of our churches and for God's mission in the world. We work with leaders in our Diocese across the Top of the South, as well as those who join us from other denominations, and beyond our region. This has been another year of working to grow mission-minded leaders, equipped for whatever ministry and mission role they're called to serve in. We especially celebrate graduates who have taken up roles within the Diocese, including Michael Johnson's ordination as deacon in Wakefield last May.

**Staffing:**

- Significant staffing changes in the middle of 2026, meant adjustment across several roles. After a long tenure, Sue Patterson (Dean of Courses) finished up in June, and Simon Terrill (College Director) took up the role of Chaplain at Nelson Hospital. Due to this Andrew Burgess (Dean) briefly delayed the start of his sabbatical, with the remaining staff team sharing the extra load to support the functioning of the College. We look forward to Scott Mayer, a graduate of the College (2011), joining us as the new Registrar from late August, while Kate Tyler has taken up the role of Academic Lead and College Director.

**Learners and College Life:**

- The College continues to play a vital role in raising up the next generation of leaders, with a strong cohort of students in Nelson, along with students from Blenheim, Golden Bay, the West Coast, Wellington, Christchurch, Hamilton and Tauranga joining us weekly through Zoom, and for occasional onsite gatherings.
- Orientation Week at the start of each semester has become a major milestone in College life. Local and distance students come together for three days of meals, study skills, introductory classes, and conversations around the kaupapa and culture of the College. These days are essential in establishing strong connections between staff and students and embedding the unique relational and discipling culture of BTC.
- We value the community formation that takes place through our Toastie Tuesday lunches, our Chapel services, gathering for daily morning prayers, and the informal conversations that take place as we gather in the kitchen and around the table. We occasionally have guest visiting speakers on Toastie Tuesdays, who also enjoy the classic Kiwi lunch, and help broaden our students thinking about wider issues in the life of the church and theology.

- As part of equipping and reaching a wide range of learners, many classes are open to interest only students. We continue to recommend that individuals who want to learn without requiring a formal qualification take up this option. Interest only students often bring more life experience than our younger students, enriching class discussion in different ways. We pray they are able to utilise their new knowledge in their home parishes and in their own lives.
- It brings us particular joy to see students who complete their studies despite difficult circumstances. This past year we have had several students who have returned to complete their qualifications after several years pause, and others who have kept going over many years, one paper at a time. We give thanks to God for their faithfulness.

**Partnerships:**

- We are grateful for our ongoing partnership with Laidlaw, which enables us to deliver our first-year internship programme, and the Bachelor of Theology.
- Our internship cohorts continue to deliver strong outcomes for learners and their host organisations – learners develop practical skills through hands-on learning, while churches are served through the capacity that these learners bring to support ministry and mission.
- Our CCAANZ student cohort continues to grow, with the first two students due to complete their four-year programme in 2027.

**Finances and fundraising:**

- We are amazed by the efforts of +Steve, Rev Matt Watts, and others who have signed up to participate to 'Go the Distance' for Bishopdale College – running 100km and other distances, making preserves, swimming the boulder bank and training pigeons. Petra Oomen, Spanky Moore and Richard Dykes have done an excellent job facilitating the promotional work and communications required.
- Funding pressures have continued to be a significant part of the landscape the College operates in, as outlined in previous reports, and through changes to government funding in our Laidlaw College partnership.

**Opportunities and Future Discernment:**

- The Board met in person in June 2026 for a day of prayer, discernment and strategic consideration about the future shape of the College's operations and are continuing to work through this process. Please pray for the Board as they seek the Lord.
- Enrolments for 2027 will shortly open; please be looking for those you can encourage to consider studying at Bishopdale in 2027. We will be hosting an open day, but potential students are always welcome to come and sit in on class!

**Overall:**

Despite the pressures outlined above, Bishopdale College continues with our mahi of discipleship, formation and education. We see evidence that God is at work in the lives of our learners and through their developing ministries and service. We are thankful for the support of the Diocese, particularly the Anglican Centre staff, and for all the individuals and parishes who support students, welcome interns, and pray for the College's work.

**2026 Enrolment Figures**

(2025 figures shown in brackets)

| Category | Full-Time | Part-Time | Non-Formal | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nelson Anglican** | 6 (4) | 10 (8) | 5 (11) | **21** (23) |
| **Nelson Other** | 1 (3) | 2 (0) | 4 (2) | **7** (5) |
| **Elsewhere** | 1 (8) | 14 (13) | 0 (1) | **15** (22) |
| **CCA** | 6 (5) | 2 (2) | 2 (0) | **10** (7) |
| **Total** | **14** (20) | **28** (23) | **11** (14) | **53** (57) |

Dr Kate Tyler
Acting Dean
College Director & Academic Lead

BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

# BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

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**VISION:** Information for transformation

## HEALTHY SHOOTS

### Promotion of Spiritual Health

The goal of the Bishop Sutton Library Service is to provide resources to enable the students and staff of the College to deepen their relationship with God through knowledge and learning. In this regard, the library also serves the clergy, laity, and wider community. It is envisioned that the provision of library resources will assist all who wish to enrich their discipleship, serve God, and promote his kingdom and mission in the world.

### Growth in the Library Budget

In 2026 the library budget increased from $11,000 to $14000. This budget increase is most helpful as the price of books has escalated in the last five years.

### Growth in the Collection

At the end of 2025, the library collection totalled 15296 items. Last year, 271 new books were bought for the library collection. Of these, 220 were for course work and 51 were suitable for the Diocese.

Most of the books bought in 2025 were in the fields of Faithful Living, Formation, Christian Spirituality, Biblical Mission in Context, Reading the Bible, the Pentateuch, Pastoral Care and the Theology of Suffering and Hope.

From January to mid-2026 a further 218 books were added to the collection. Of the new purchases 174 items were for Bishopdale College courses, and 44 books were for the Diocese.

The new material purchased was in the fields of Reading the Bible, 1 Corinthians, Anglican Worship, and Christian Leadership and Mission.

### Healthy Book Circulation

Library book issues were healthy in 2025 as a total of 3401 books were issued.
1638 (System Issues) + 82 (Manual Issues) + 1681(Renewals) = **Total 3401**
Book issues in 2024 totalled 2853, so in 2025 book issues increased by 19.2%.

From January to June 2026 a total of 1506 books were issued. This figure is healthy and the librarian intends to increase circulation by taking books to Diocesan and church events.

**Increasing Book Circulation through Supporting Home Groups**

Last year **4** Home Groups consistently used the library and continue to do so in 2026.

**Increasing Book Circulation through the Postal Service**

Library material was also posted to members of the Diocese outside Nelson

In 2025 a total of **26** books was posted: - Blenheim (16) + Lower Moutere (1) + Kaikoura (1) + Takaka (4) + Greymouth (4).

In addition, **40** books were loaned to patrons of theological libraries in Auckland and Christchurch.

**Growth in Library Membership**

Last year **35** people joined the library and since January 2026 a further **36** people have become members of the library.

**PRUNING**

**Streamlining the Collection**

A great challenge facing the library is adequate room to house a growing collection. A major prune of the library occurred at the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 when 2479 pre-1975 books were removed from the catalogue. This pruning aimed to free up space for more current material.

Pruning is an ongoing process as the librarian decides which books are outdated and no longer add value to the collection.

**PLANTING NEW SEEDS**

**Supporting New Students and Promoting Library Resources in the Community**

During library orientation the new students were given an information package with step-by-step instructions on how to use the catalogue and do research using digital resources. Students were also offered individual coaching in doing research. Further, the librarian assisted distance learners form Havelock North, Reefton, Takaka and Wellington. She offered library support through alerting students to e-resources, scanning material and posting books.

In 2025, the librarian promoted library material at Diocesan and church events. Books were taken to the Clergy Retreat (8 books issued), the Leadership Camp (11 books issued) and Synod (13 books issued).

The librarian attended two Soul Care Mornings at the Makery in August and October 2025, where 22 books were issued. In addition, the librarian took library displays to Nelson Spiritual Growth Group meditation mornings, and 139 books were issued at these monthly events. Thus, a total of **193** books were issued at library displays in 2025.

The librarian received positive feedback from people who loan material from the displays. They commented on enjoying the variety of material available. Some people at the Nelson Spiritual Growth Group meetings informed the librarian that books are enriching and transforming their lives and encouraging them in their faith.

Statistics were kept from January to December 2025 to survey the use of the library by the public. The librarian recorded **811** interactions with the public during this period. These figures show that the Diocese and community are using and benefitting from the library. The librarian will continue keeping these statistics and see if library usage can be boosted further.

To promote the reading of new books, the librarian produced new books lists for Winter and Spring 2025 and Winter 2026. These book lists were distributed at Diocesan events. They were also posted on the Bishopdale College website.

## RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE (RAC)

The Committee has been suspended whilst the Diocese and Standing Committee sought clarification of a range of specific legal issues which inform the motion to Synod.

Refer Notice of Motions

## NELSON DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD

**Report for 2025 and early 2026**

### 1. Membership and Employees

1.1 During the 2025 year, the Board comprised Margaret Soderberg (Chair), Graham Allan, Matt McDonald (Deputy Chair), Doug Johns, Kai Kruse, Steve Perris, and Martin Hall. The Board is reviewing the membership given recent resignations of Steve Perris and Doug Johns. A new member will join in June 2026.

1.2 James Webb (operating as CPIM Limited) remains the Board's Christchurch Property Manager, and the Board is also well supported by Penelope Baber from the Diocese office for property matters.

1.3 The Board relies on the team at the Diocese Centre especially Ed Duggan and his team. We appreciate the excellent reporting and willingness to be flexible as the NDTB seeks additional information and strategic analysis.

### 2. 2025 Financial Year

2.1 The distribution of "income" in the year in respect of Trust funds in the Permanent Pool was 4.40% (compared with 4.40% in 2024). For 2026 the return will be 4.50% given that while interest rates have dropped, rental income has increased so a slightly increased level of distribution is possible.

2.2 The annual valuations of the investment assets resulted in the following changes:

| Investment Type | 2025 | 2024 | Note |
|---|---|---|---|
| Directly Owned commercial property | $1.88M loss | $170k loss | Potential seismic issues with one investment property |
| Trust Investments Property Fund | $69k gain | $282k loss | General property trends stabilising |
| JB Were Share/Equity portfolio | $1.10M gain | $668k gain | World markets positive if currently volatile |

2.3 The decrease in market valuation of real estate properties to end 2025 does not change the rental income received. This decrease in property value has been driven by seismic issues with one property offset by other buildings values increasing during the year. The Board is working hard to investigate and mitigate the seismic issues of the investment property.

2.4 The unrealised asset loss resulted in a negative Capital Distribution of just over $0.71 million to all Permanent Trusts. This capital decrease is not what the Board was anticipating. The recently discovered seismic issue with one of the buildings led to a conservative 48% write-down of that building. If that had not been required there would have been a $1.84M capital gain for the trusts.

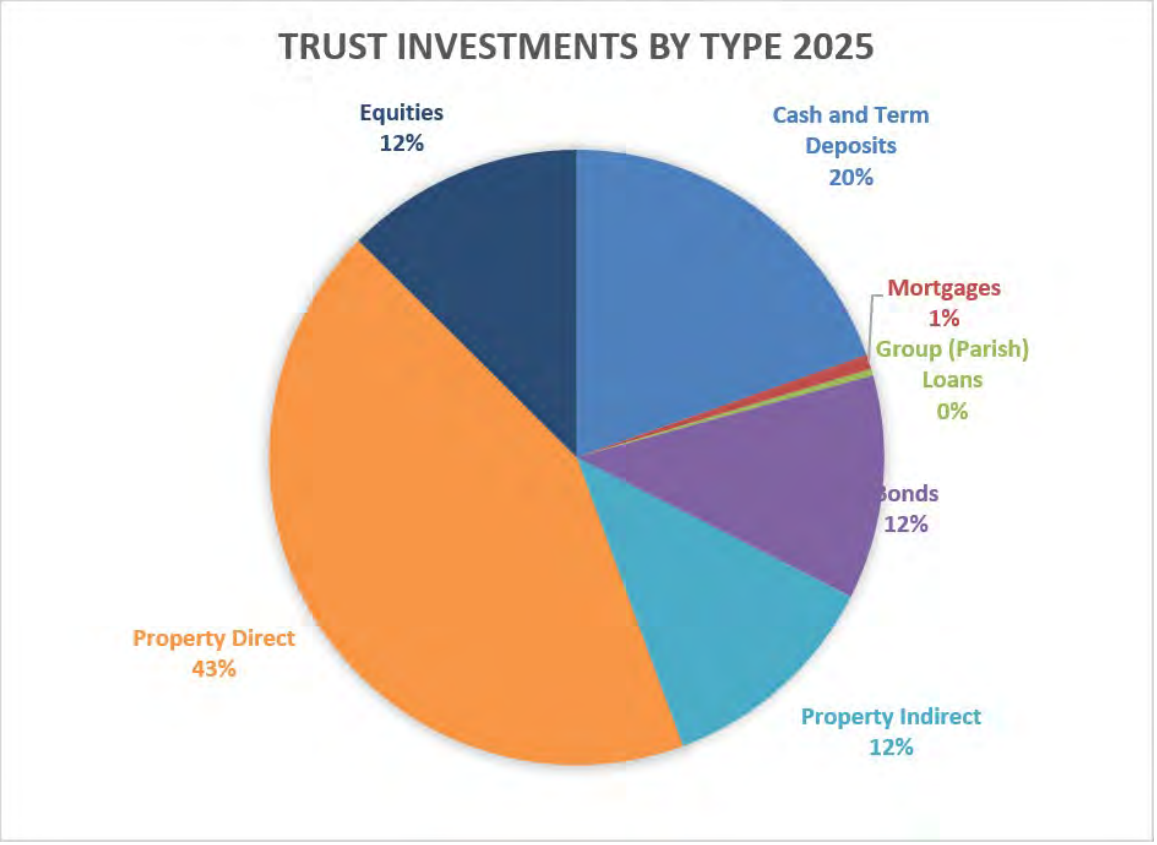
2.5 The Trust has investments in the equity markets and views these as long term holds and does not respond to short term volatility. These investments are managed by JB Were on behalf of the Board.

## 3. Permanent Pool Investments

3.1 The Board continues to review its strategic asset allocation and evaluating all the aspects of our investment portfolios. The Board are entrusted with Protecting, Managing and Growing the assets of the Parishes, Diocese, and other entities.

3.2 It is worthwhile to continue to emphasise that Trust Board has no assets of its own – all the assets held on the balance sheet of Trust Board belong to the Diocese and Parishes. Trust Board is how our group aggregates these funds for investment providing spread and diversification.

The Trust Board holds the Investments for the Diocese and Parishes in the following portfolios:




Over time we will evaluate how much cash is required to be held in short-term cash and Term Deposits, given that while these do provide cash yields, they do not offer any capital growth. Property Indirect is the investment in Trust Investments (mainly Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga) properties which are externally managed. Direct Property is owned by NDTB in Christchurch and Dunedin with 1 property in Nelson. The Board has completed a strategic evaluation all its direct property holdings to commence a programme to strengthen the portfolio.

## 4. Parish Matters

4.1 In the 2025 year, and the first half of this year the Board has assisted parishes with:

- Healthy home compliance assistance and monitoring for all parishes that own a residential property.
- Various parish land lease and easement issues.
- Sale of surplus property at Mapua (Hills Community Church.)
- Potential development of land associated with the Cathedral to help fund earthquake strengthening work.
- The Cathedral with its earthquake strengthening and enhancement project.
- Investigating sewerage disposal issues at St Johns Hira.
- Murchison with disability ramp consent and construction.
- Various insurance claims.

## 5. Other Matters

During the year our Property Subcommittee has continued working with Ed and Penelope to improve the returns from our properties, develop rental review and documentation policies, as well as resolve legacy property issues. The subcommittee is currently working through seismic issues with one of the Board's Christchurch commercial properties.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board and Ed Duggan as Finance Manager for their work and commitment to serve the Diocese and Parishes.

Margaret Soderberg
Chair
June 2026

## EXTRA DIOCESAN

### PORT NELSON MISSION TO SEAFARERS (MTS)

**What is Port Nelson Mission to Seafarers?**
Port Nelson Mission to Seafarers (PNMtS) exists to provide compassion, care and support to Seafarers when they visit Port Nelson. This is done by providing the following services.

- Ship welfare and chaplain visits
- Seafarers Centre Open 24/7 – just outside the main gate of Port Nelson
- Free sim cards
- Free Wi-Fi delivered to ship
- Money exchange
- Free Transport to City
- Seafarer Welfare Support
- Shopping Delivered to Ship

Amba Bloomaart-Klay is employed in a 0.5 FTE role to lead the team of passionate volunteers (Bill Lewis, Alec Wood, Emily Clements) in providing these services.

The wider Mission to Seafarers ministry began under the Anglican banner, and thus the Nelson Anglican Diocese remains a committed partner of this ministry.

**What signs of healthy growth have you observed?**
The main development over the last 12 months has been at the governance level. This has included:

- Updating some of the paperwork expected of an Incorporated Society.
- Adding new Governance Committee members. The current board members are: Chris Ward (chair), Robin Davis, Bill Lewis, Emily Clements, Alec Woods, Ryan Oliver, and David Hollingsworth.
- This has resulted in streamlining processes to better support staff and volunteers.
- Thank you to former chairman Revd Steve Jordan for his support during this transitional season.

The staff and volunteers do an amazing job of supporting seafarers, as well as supporting the ministry by running fundraising events (including a couple of quizzes this year). The staff, in partnership with a designer, have just completed a bespoke Nelson port and city map that gives incoming seafarers clear directions to shops and facilities in the CBD.

See table below for statistics for the year through to the end of April

| Activity | January | February | March | April | Year to date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Vessels in port* | 21 | 36 | 28 | 28 | *113* |
| *Vessels boarded* | 20 | 29 | 24 | 22 | *95* |
| *Onboard crew interactions* | 160 | 300 (cruise ships in) | 120 | 153 | *733* |
| *Social media reach outs* | 15 | 22 | 11 | 12 | *60* |
| *Seafarers transported* | 91 | 165 | 64 | 156 | *476* |

**What needs to be pruned? What opportunities are there?**

Funding sources for this ministry have decreased over the last few years, so there are some financial challenges ahead.
There are opportunities around strengthening the connection between PNMtS and local churches – especially regarding drawing a larger volunteer base from parishes.

Paul Milson
Social Services Coordinator

CHURCH ARMY NZ

## General Synod Report 2026

Church Army is in a period of transition as we say goodbye to some people and welcome others. During this period we have been looking to the future of Church Army, especially our vision and values, and honing our mission, goals and strategy. There are some big changes ahead.
Perhaps the biggest change at Church Army over the last 12 months is personnel. I (Jethro Day) have been appointed the national director, and Karen Kemp, Kate Berkley and Carl Tinnion have become board members. We have also farewelled Monica Clark as national director, and Louisa Weller and Lorraine Lloyd as board members. We deeply appreciate their significant ministry and leadership!
We are also pleased to have recruited Esther Wood as a new mission worker. Esther is working in Golden Bay Parish in Nelson. Church Army has committed to help fundraise for her ministry, so please reach out if you or your mission unit would like contribute to Esther's fruitful ministry. Louisa Weller also continues as a mission worker alongside her daughter Amy, doing community outreach through Canterbury Kids Coach in Lincoln, Canterbury, through group ukulele and guitar lessons.
As we look ahead we have a vision of an Anglican Church that is fully engaged and equipped for mission and evangelism. Our mission is to recruit, train, resource and support individuals, whanau and mission units for mission and evangelism.
As we move forward our Key Values will guide us, they are….

- Audacious & Innovative: Seeking novel, creative ways to share the Gospel.
- Relational & Generous: Building authentic connections within a spirit of non-partisanship.
- Fruitful & High Integrity: Committed to Kingdom impact and theological depth.

And to fulfil our vision our Strategic Goals for the next 12-24 months are….

1. Connection: Identifying and partnering with mission units and individuals who already share our passion for mission and evangelism to build momentum (could this be you?).
2. Resource Development: Producing a video curriculum and workshop series for nationwide use.
3. Mission Partners: Recruit a cohort of mature, entrepreneurial disciples who are passionate about reaching the unchurched.
4. Sustainability : Establishing an "eco-system" of discernment, training, fundraising, resourcing, relational connection, support and accountability for mission partners to flourish in.

Our strategy to achieve all this will rest on Christ's power, prayerful discernment, building relationships, a new comms strategy and… a NEW NAME. The hope for the new name is to stay faithful to our nearly 150-year-old Kaupapa, communicating it in a way that resonates with contemporary ears. The name may have already been chosen by the time you read this report, so keep an eye out.

The last bit of work to mention is a review of our constitution. Our purpose will not change, however we thought we would review the rules to make sure they are compliant with recent legislative changes, and to see if they are serving our mission as best they can.
Please pray for us in this time of transition, rebuilding and renaming! We look forward to serving you and the wider church more effectively as we move into this next season!

Grace and peace,
**Jethro Day**
*National Director*

## ANGLICAN MISSIONS

**ANGLICAN MISSIONS REPORT – NELSON DIOCESE 2026**

*"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."*

**Summary of Key Highlights**

Amongst many highlights this year, four stand out:

1. **Developing a new Strategic Intent 2026-31**
   Everything we do is aligned with and undergirded by the Five Marks of Mission. We are unashamedly Christian and Anglican (after all, it's in our name) and even though much of our work focusses on Marks 3 (loving service); 4 (transforming unjust structures) and 5 (caring for Gods creation), we are rooted in Christ's call to share the Kingdom (Mark 1) and to nurture new believers (Mark 2).

2. **Retaining external confidence in Our Work**
   Securing funds from the US Episcopal Church to work with marginalised communities in Honiara and significant new funding from our own government to continue to work in five informal squatter settlements in Fiji and in Africa.

3. **Responding to Global Emergencies**
   Whether in Gaza, Vanuatu, Venezuela or Nepal, we have responded in a timely manner to bringing relief and hope.

4. **Joining up**
   We can do more when we are joined up and working in tandem with other like-minded faith and church-based agencies – such as NZCMS, Tearfund and the Anglican Alliance. We broaden our impact and effectiveness.

**Signs of Healthy Growth**

There's real encouragement in what we are seeing:

- The team are extremely skilled, highly motivated and well-regarded across the mission, development and aid sector. We are taking the lead in several global Communion initiatives (especially around the disaster risk management space) on behalf of the Anglican Alliance.
- We have new formal partnerships and are developing joint funding initiatives in PNG and Solomon Islands.
- Government funding and funding from other partners from the US and Australia is not only a financial boost but also a vote of confidence. If they like what we do, we hope that churches here do as well!
- After a decade of decline, tikanga giving across all Diocese flattened out last year and we are doing all we can to see it grow in 2026.

**What Needs Pruning**

- Chief challenge remains visibility and trust within some parishes. While the development and aid sector, including the NZ Government, recognises and supports our work, we still have ground to cover with some of our own Anglican whanau.

- Trying to be all things to all people. The new Strategic Intent provides greater certainty – where and how we work; what we do and who we do it with.
- Shifting our focus from spending too much time on trying to 'win' over churches that may not share our vision to those which are either already passionate of are 'open to persuasion.' With NZCMS, we want to be the agency of choice for Anglican's. After all, it's in our name.

**Planting New Seeds in Good Soil**

- New partnerships that are already showing fruit (e.g. Anglican Board of Missions; Anglican Overseas Aid; Episcopal Relief and Development Fund). We're all Anglican and have so much in common. Just makes sense to be better joined up.
- Sharing ideas and expertise with the global Anglican Alliance – especially in the disaster risk management space. Mark Mitchell, our Development and Humanitarian Lead, is steering groundbreaking work helping churches worldwide prepare for disasters and climate impacts.
- Focus on Anglican Schools, sparking mission curiosity in the next generation.
- Public funding opportunities, where every dollar raised can potentially be matched 3–5 times by government partners.

**A Word of Thanks**

To the **Diocese of Nelson**, a massive thank you. Your giving has been a lifeline. In 2025, Tikanga Giving from Nelson was **$82,160** for the year and we hope to achieve a similar amount this year. We recognise that many parishes are under financial pressure. It's not a lack of passion for mission. It's more often a question of survival. We encourage you to: **Download and use our resources** from pew sheets to prayer slides (or ask for tailored ones); **Reach out** to our team for anything you need. Invite us to come and meet and speak; Sign up to receive the monthly E-News and the weekly **Pray the News** for relevant and timely prayer-points.

Special thanks to **Helen Neame**, the Nelson representative on the Tikanga Pākehā Overseas Mission Group, and to **Bishop Steve** who is on the Anglican Missions Board. Together, may we continue to be a Church that sends, supports, and shares the Good News to the ends of the earth.



Rev. Michael Hartfield - National Director Anglican Missions

NZ CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY (NZCMS)

# Report from the NZ Church Missionary Society
# Diocese of Nelson Synod 2026

NZCMS acknowledges the long-term relationship with the Diocese of Nelson. We have both benefitted from this partnership, through provision of personnel, support and prayer. Thank you.

NZCMS in seeking to follow God's leading sends out people to places in the world, to work with God in what God is already doing. We send Mission Partners globally to places where witness to Christ is limited or restricted. There we proclaim the Gospel in an incarnational way, partnering with locals. We also send Mission Partners to strengthen churches and Christian organisations using needed skills to encourage local leadership and ministry.

**New Mission Partners**

This year we have partnered with some new Mission Partners.

**John and Connie Sherlock** are in Rwanda focusing on language and cultural learning as they begin settling into life and build relationships with the local community and the church. The family has become more involved in the Anglican Church in Gahini, while continuing to explore future opportunities in theological education and ministry. As they settle in they realise that to perform their ministry effectively through the Diocese they are going to need a vehicle and so they will be seeking support to buy one.

**Batfam** are at St Andrew's Hall, which is the CMS Australian cross-cultural training centre in Melbourne. They are looking to placement at the end of the year in the Middle East.

**Hannah Coulter** is serving in Uganda with Nick Laing as our first Lukwiya Medical Fellow.

**Some Mission Partners** already serving.

**Luke and Naomi Sinclair** are working with students in Japan.

Luke and Naomi are supporting around 70 students across 20 campuses through Bible studies, seminars, and camps. The ministry team is praying for 16 non-Christian students to come to know Jesus, and for wisdom in training their Graduate Assistant, in ministry leadership.

Luke and Naomi are involved in KGK Conferences and camps seeking to equip students to confidently read the Bible one-to-one with friends, with a vision for a multiplying movement of Bible reading among students.

**Liz** is working in South Asia teaching and developing a spiritual formation course for seminary students, focusing on themes such as forgiveness, conflict management, prayer, and spiritual growth. She has been encouraged by the personal impact the course is having on students. Liz continues to support others through spiritual direction, trauma-care initiatives, and leadership development.

**Roy and Rachael Hogan** are working in Fiji. Roy is working in building and training others, working on the Christian Centre and reroofing the vicarage. Community and ministries activities continue, including planning for future short term mission teams, running youth training evening with 14 local young people for Kids Camp.

NZCMS values our partnership with the Nelson Diocese in supporting **Mark & Kirsty** in the Wheels Trust Ministry, as it develops in Golden Bay and reaches beyond.

**Co-Mission Partners**

NZCMS has joined with Asia-CMS to support some Mission Partners in Asia, Sophia in Malaysia, and Kumar & Kat in Nepal. Our National Director recently visited them after a CMS conference in Kathmandu. While Graeme was in Kathmandu, the Nepal tragedy unfolded. Being there was extraordinary timing, which enabled him to work alongside them planning their relief response and engaging in longer term thinking about restoring their church plant communities that had been directly impacted. In his last 2 days they heard news of a truck full of donated supplies reaching some of these displaced peoples. Graeme commented that it was a humbling experience for the global CMS family to come together to support our Nepalese brothers and sisters in their time of need.

**Home Front**

NZCMS is keen to get young people involved in Mission. There are opportunities through several initiatives.

Seriously Interested in Mission Groups meet in various centres in NZ on a regular basis. https://www.nzcms.org.nz/seriously-interested-in-mission/

Gather to Scatter Weekends are a 2-day mission event for young adults to explore mission. There was great feedback from last year. This year it will be run in Wellington and Auckland. https://www.nzcms.org.nz/get-involved/gather-to-scatter/

There are also opportunities do explore mission through short term opportunities overseas – Moments Apprenticeships placements alongside Mission Partners who provide coaching and support; Lukwiya Health Fellowship which is a short-term placement servicing at St. Philips an Anglican operated Health Centre in Uganda and Encounter Trips.

**NZCMS supports churches**

**Four Weeks on Mission Resources** NZCMS produces a resource package each August, which can be used anytime during the year. Last year 50 Anglican churches signed up for use either in the church services or home groups. https://www.nzcms.org.nz/resources/four-weeks-on-mission/

**Short-term Mission Team Support** NZCMS provides assistance for Youth Pastors or other leaders of short-term mission trip teams. This includes leader coaching, cultural preparation, risk assessment forms, team training manuals, and post-trip debriefing. Available online or in-person.

NZCMS believes that depending on the Spirit of God is essential for growth. We would seek your prayer for wisdom as we appoint a new National Director to lead the work of NZCMS into the future. As we move forward into this new season, please partner with us in the work of God in the world.

Anne Segedin

On behalf of Graeme Mitchell
Interim National Director

# Diocese of Nelson

# New Zealand

# 2026

## First Session of the

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**NELSON DEANERY**

# Diocese of Nelson

## New Zealand

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## ALL SAINTS

We have seen some encouraging shoots of growth, across some different areas this year: Our kids and youth ministries have been growing, with Whanau church, our new families congregation taking root, with a stable number of families getting regularly involved. We've loved the Toasties, the convo's and seeing kids and their parents grow in their faith.

We've also seen our Soul Care Saturdays in the Makery grow, offering a creative and contemplative space for people to engage with God. We've also been welcoming kids from the Maitai specialist school into the Makery during the week. It's beautiful to see the welcome, connections and creativity bursting forth from that space! It was great to see the space being used for the Venn Foundation event 'Making Sense of Making' and our 'pathway to the cross' installations in Holy Week.

People reading may remember we were raising money at synod last year to support our team heading to PNG. It was a rich and full-on experience, with the AS team doing an amazing job blessing the MAF partners conference, and the rest of AS supporting us faithfully in prayer and gifts of chocolate.

We've loved gathering during this year for the Practicing the Way practice looking at Sabbath, and the Thriving in this land material , looking at the Cost of Living, Climate crisis and Te Tiriti.

We're still heading out every fifth Sunday for a 'Go Sunday' where we're seeking to serve the community in action and in prayer, often through service prayer walks. Even though doing this disrupts our normal Sunday pattern, it keeps challenging us to look outwards

Loaves and Fishes continues to play an important role at All Saints beginning this year to change its emphasis towards building community and addressing loneliness rather than just its original focus to address food insecurity.

We also love seeing Whanau running around the campus for kids and coffee, and our beautiful seniors spending time together as Super Seniors!

We've done a couple of 48-hour prayer rooms this year and are dreaming of maybe doing one in an empty city centre store.

We also celebrated Sam Oomens ordination to the diaconate, which was a fantastic occasion. We're so thankful for Sam's ministry among us!

As we look to the future we are continuing to work out what it means for us to be a church that is 'for the good of the city'.

It is a continual challenge to keep looking outward, and we are excited for the opportunity to purchase some land next to All Saints for missional purposes. We've really seen God's provision and are excited to what might unfold in that space. We're starting with a celebration on the land, then we'll be continuing to pray and discern how we move forward. Soon we'll see 'Local's' open, a cafe container run by AS members Nick and Beth Schryvers. Please pray for us to keep on step with God, and to discern what steps to take, when!

We're also looking at running Alpha later in the year, so please pray for that too!

All Saints has some amazing people volunteering, offering pastoral care, and serving in incredible ways: we're so grateful to them, and to God for his goodness and presence with us.

## ATAWHAI-HIRA

The Parish of Atawhai and Hira continues to navigate a season of transition while seeking new opportunities for mission, community engagement, and faithful witness.

**St John's Hira:** We give thanks for the ministry of Rev Gordon Taylor, whose pastoral leadership brought encouragement, stability, and renewed community connections during 2025. Regular worship services continued until August, supported by a devoted congregation and committed Management and Worship Leading Teams. The maintenance of regular day-time Sunday service and the successful explorative use of evening Sunday services are testament to the dedication and hope of a small, committed group of faithful followers of Christ.

Throughout the year, St John's maintained relationships with the local school, Rural Fire, community organisations, and some local residents. Outreach activities included community events, ANZAC commemorations, social gatherings, and seasonal services which strengthened the church's connection with the district.

Despite these positive developments, attendance numbers continued to decline, and a difficult decision was made to cease regular services in August. This was met with both sadness and acceptance of the realities facing the congregation. The final service was attended by around thirty people and provided an opportunity for members to share memories, celebrate the church's contribution to the district, and gather in fellowship.

The local leadership continues to oversee the care and security of the church property and is planning occasional events, including a Christmas Carol Service in partnership with the local school. While regular worship has ceased, there remains a strong commitment to maintaining St John's presence and connection within the Hira community.

**St Peter's Atawhai:** Atawhai remains a developing ministry initiative with significant effort being invested in understanding local needs and building community relationships.

Amanda Poil has been appointed as Community Development Worker and has focused on listening, relationship-building, and identifying opportunities for community partnership.

A community survey involving 188 respondents provided valuable insight into the strengths and needs of the Atawhai and North Nelson area. Respondents identified safety, natural beauty, community spirit, and a village atmosphere as key strengths. Schools, local businesses, parks, and informal neighbourhood connections were highlighted as important contributors to community life.

The survey also identified challenges including traffic and transport issues, limited community gathering places, social isolation, youth activities, and the need for greater opportunities for community connection. Many respondents expressed interest in seeing St Peter's used for youth and family programmes, wellbeing initiatives, recreation, skills development, support services, and community events.

The future involvement of All Saints in the project remains under consideration, and no final arrangements have yet been determined.

**Property and Facilities:** Building improvements and renovation work continue as part of preparing the site for future ministry and community use.

**Looking Forward:** The closure of regular worship at Hira marks the end of a significant chapter, yet the faithfulness and service of that community remain an important part of our story.

At Atawhai, encouraging foundations are being laid through community engagement, survey work, growing partnerships, and the ministry of Amanda Poil. We look forward to discerning how St Peter's can become a place of connection, support, and mission for the wider community.

Rev Gordon Taylor
Rev Canon Simon Martin, Commissioner

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

**Our Vision: A Place that Matters as the Spiritual Heart of Diocese and City**

**Our Mission: To be an Anglican Cathedral-centered family walking with Christ to share the love of God with others.**

**What signs of healthy growth have you observed?**

Our congregations continue to grow (13,281 attended services in 2025, an increase of 14%), and the demographic is slightly younger. Perhaps because of our Cathedral Kids programme more young families attend, but we still see more congregants in their mature years. Two significant areas of growth have been our Mid-Week Eucharist, and Easter services. A few years ago Wednesday Eucharist was near-moribund, but typical attendance is now around thirty. The service is followed by a hospitable morning tea and a Bible Study as part of discipleship. Easter attendance has also grown, from 690 in 2024 to 1061 in 2026.

Our two 'welcome to the parish' lunches have been well attended and appreciated. Our aim of making the cathedral 'A Place That Matters' is reflected by the cathedral being used as a concert venue, (which brought in 5107 people in 2025 and created revenue). Some 20,000 visitors attended the Christmas Tree Festival, and 10,000 Light Nelson. In 2025 we used about 2,000 votive candles a month, a strong indicator of non-service footfall, and evidence that we are providing a 'special' environment. Just as footfall in retail is only a proxy for sales or profits, cathedral footfall per-se might not correlate to the degree that hearts are opened to the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless it evinces the positive light in which the cathedral is held. In parallel, our special services bring people in to hear the gospel, some of whom have become regular communicants and our funeral ministry has borne fruit with relatives of the deceased.

**What needs to be pruned (stop, change or be let go-of)?**

Our activities remain congruent with the Diocese' vision statement and strategic plan of CCCN. We identified a need to redirect how we manage outreach. Many of our special services are outreach opportunities, but growth from these is steady. Despite the encouraging increase in young families, our older demographic brings various needs, especially around health. Appointing a Community Ministry Leader with the brief of proactive support (in addition to our brilliant team of pastoral care volunteers) should help us vector efforts to address this.

**Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate.**

Anecdotal evidence suggests that growth has come from significant improvements in music, liturgy and preaching. The City-to-City report observed that as these elements of worship were now of a high standard, future growth may become less impelled by further effort into this area. Our new Community Ministry Leader has been reading theology at Bishopdale. A qualified counsellor, she is looking to alter the trajectory of our outreach activities across all ages and interest groups, with particular emphasis on the younger families who are appearing at the cathedral. Likewise, the dean is taking Sabbatical study leave, exploring outreach at other cathedrals in the Anglican Communion, including areas for new growth. The parable of the sower evinces that while some seed is lost, some will land on fertile ground and yield a hundredfold.

Rev Steve Jordan (Precentor)

## STOKE

**St Barnabas Anglican Church Stoke - To impact Stoke and beyond, for the Kingdom of God**

Blessings to you all, I begin with thanksgiving. We are deeply grateful for Gods continued faithfulness to us as a parish, and we look forward with expectation to all that He will continue to do among us.

I also want to thank the people of St Barnabas. This has been a year marked by growth and deepening community. Our church family has responded generously in prayer, service, hospitality, and leadership thereby creating a place where people are welcomed and can encounter Jesus.

It has been a particular joy to see new people join us and begin to call St Barnabas home.

### A Serving & Growing Church

We are richly blessed with a committed staff team and a wide base of volunteers. Much of what takes place at St Barnabas is sustained by faithful and often unseen service. From pastoral care to worship, children's ministry to administration, grounds work to outreach — many contribute faithfully behind the scenes. This culture of service reflects a healthy and maturing church community.

### Formation, Discipleship & Mission

Throughout the year, we have continued to prioritise discipleship and faith formation through courses such as Alpha, Discovery, the Marriage Course and a new course called Convergence. These have provided significant opportunities for people to explore faith, deepen understanding, and encounter Christ.

It has been particularly encouraging to see participants not only grow in faith but also step into leadership and ministry roles within the life of the church. Our community facing events include the Church Christmas Party and Carols in the Park. Both of these events have strengthened our connection with the wider community. They have helped us create welcoming spaces of hospitality and joy while providing natural opportunities for gospel engagement.

### Leadership & Staff Development

This year has seen important developments within our staff and leadership structures.

We were delighted to welcome Jude Saxon back into a half-time leadership role. Jude has contributed significantly to the leadership of our services and is strengthening our small group ministry, helping us build a more connected and disciple church.

We also give thanks for the faithful service of Angelia Galbraith, who has concluded her role in elder care. Her years of dedication and pastoral love have blessed many, and we pray God's continued blessing over her in this new season.

On a personal level, my role has expanded to include diocesan involvement through the Emerging Leaders Learning Community (ELLC). This initiative is focused on developing a structured pathway for leadership formation, equipping emerging leaders with both theological depth and practical ministry skills. We see this as a significant investment in the future leadership of both parish and Diocese.

**Partnership & Diocesan Engagement**

St Barnabas continues to engage actively in the wider life of the Diocese. We have had the privilege of supporting Wakefield Church as they enter a new season, offering encouragement and practical assistance.

In addition, we have partnered in the Convergence Church Camp, Diocese Leadership Conference, which has provided a valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal, leadership development, and diocesan collaboration.

**Property & Facilities**

Over the past year, several property improvements have been undertaken. This includes upgrades to the front gardens and new signage, enhancing both the visibility and hospitality of the church within the local community. We extend particular thanks to Doug Johns and others who have contributed significant time and effort to these projects.

**Vision For The Year Ahead**

Our vision remains: *To impact Stoke and beyond for the Kingdom of God*.

In the coming year, we are focusing on several key areas:

- Deepening Discipleship - We are committed to helping people grow as followers of Jesus through intentional pathways of formation — including small groups, teaching series, and leadership development.
- A Culture of Invitation - We are encouraging every member of the church to prayerfully consider who they might invite into relationship with Jesus — through church, small groups, or personal connection. We believe growth will come through relational evangelism and intentional invitation.
- Leadership Development - Through initiatives such as the ELLC and local mentoring, we aim to continue identifying, equipping, and releasing new leaders for ministry within the parish and across the Diocese.
- Strengthening Community Engagement - We desire to be increasingly present within our local context — serving, connecting, and blessing our wider community in practical and visible ways.
- Exploring Future Opportunities - We are beginning to consider the long-term use of our land and facilities, exploring how these might best serve both parish and diocesan mission in the years ahead.

Together, we are participating in God’s work and we trust Him for what lies ahead.

With every blessing,
Rev. Philip Greenwood

## TAHUNANUI




**2025: A year of extremes**

**Taking root, healthy shoots and seeing gospel fruit**

"His will. His bill", said one of our new congregants when we announced that we were in the red. Church finances were extremely low and we needed to make some radical decisions. What this congregant intended to communicate, was to encourage the Wardens and I to continue following a gospel-shaped vision that was only possible by equipping folk for ministry and mission.

Since our last Synod, we have had extremes. It has been a year of loss, of replanting and tending fragile ministry shoots, but also of rejoicing in seeing gospel fruit.

At the beginning of 2025 things weren't looking good. It was a very discouraging season because, on one hand we had started seeing new and more people coming to church and faith, but on the other hand, some ministries were struggling, church finances were down and 8 congregants died within 4 months! As a leadership team, we encouraged ourselves in the Lord, planned, prayed and chose to trust Him for only what He can do. We also invited the congregation to join us on a journey of faith - and that they did.

1. **These were the signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") that we observed:**

- Church members stepped up in how they looked out for, cared for, prayed for and served each other. Pastoral care, prayer and hospitality were no longer a preserve for a few but is now a growing distinctive of who we are and are becoming.
- Following a gospel-shaped vision, members were generous with their finances. They gave sacrificially and joyfully. Those who aren't giving started to give. Some increased their regular giving by 5-10%; others donated their annual tax rebates; while others added the church to their wills. As the Lord would have it, He called some of them home and their bequests came right on time! You can't make this stuff up!!! While we are not in the black, neither are we in the red! We are much better financially than we were! Praise God!
- Sunday Children's Ministry has grown, and we now have an average of 25 kids.
- With the growth of the Sunday Children's Ministry, we started an intermediate class with a team of 4 leaders raised and equipped from the church.
- Within 4 months of starting the intermediate class, we started a Youth Group with a team of 3 leaders.
- The music team started 'worship nights', an opportunity for extended time in prayer and worship.

- New community outreach opportunities have opened as we seek to love our community (Tahunanui) & the city in the name of Jesus. How did it happen?
    - We ran 3 'Clothes, Coffee, & Convos' events. What started as a one-off fundraising op-shop, has now become a quarterly opportunity to serve and connect with the community.
    - Then we also started and completed the 1-year 'Ripple-Effect Evangelism course'. The 8 members who completed the course are now actively engaged in our outreach ministries.
    - We ran events for men and women- two Ladies' dessert nights & two Men's breakfasts. Again, what started as one-off fundraising ideas have now become great connection events with community folk as we point them to Jesus.
    - We reworked and rebranded 'Kai & Kids' to 'Kai for whanau'. This is a small (max 8 people) highly relational 6-week cooking class in Term 2 & 3 that we run at the Tahunanui Community Hub. As the ladies are learning how to cook tasty healthy meals on a budget, intentional gospel conversations are happening.
    - We started 'Monday Club' – a 1 hour after-school program for kids ages 6-10. It's simple: they meet, eat, sing, read a short bible story and act it out. It's lots of fun!
- Through 'Kai for Whanau' and 'Monday Club' we are constantly in contact with 21 community kids and their families. Out of these efforts and relationships, several families have joined the church.
- These outreach ministries have been on the front end of our evangelism pathway. As several families have joined the church, we have encouraged them to consider doing 'Christianity Explored' course followed by the 'Discipleship Explored' course.
- A major gospel fruit that we celebrated as a church is that on Pentecost Sunday this year (24th May) we had 8 Baptisms and 2 Confirmations! Glory to God!
- We are continue growing in our dependance on God through prayers.
- The gospel continues to be faithfully preached and lived out and the Spirit of God is at work, halleluiah!



*Tessa, Maria and Shawn run 'The Monday Club'*



*At the middle is Alley, our chef at 'Kai for Whanau'*

**2. What needs to be pruned to foster greater health and fruitfulness?**

While we punch above our weight, there are 2 ministries that we are discerning will need to stop. We have run them for many years, they keep us busy, make us feel good about ourselves, use up a lot of our finances and even give us a good name in the community, but unfortunately no longer help us intentionally point people to Jesus or meaningfully connect with church folk. For long standing ministries that have shaped our identity, this can be very hard to let go.

**3. Opportunities for new initiatives, collaboration and ministries we sense God is calling us to cultivate**

We believe that everyone has a 'next step' to make with God. If we are to make disciples of Christ who make disciples, we will need a clear disciple making pathway that equips church folk for life, ministry and everyday mission. As a church, our next step is to clarify the disciple making pathway. Secondly, it's to clarify a distinctively equipping module in the disciple making pathway. Thirdly, it's to mobilize the church towards new way of disciple making. Fourthly, we sense we need to further collaborate with the Diocese to make this happen.

Report by Rev. Kinyua Kathuri (Vicar) and the Warden's Team

## VICTORY

1. **Signs of healthy growth**

From the beginning of 2026 monthly Worship Nights have been held in partnership with St Stephens, Tahunanui. Those attending, participating and leading have grown from more churches than just these two. The evening is geared towards young people with members of Victory Youth actively involved. Those attending do include all ages attending. We are watching with prayerful interest where this worship and cooperation will lead to.

On Sundays we are grateful for the addition of new young worship leader from the UK, and a young man who is wiling to lead the worship for a season.

The Sunday morning youth programme has started again with keen and promising teenagers. The programme is led by Rita and others assisting.

The Nzimbis are continuing to feel more settled and adjusting to the many changes. It was a blessing to have their two older children with us for 3 months from December to March.

2. **What needs to be pruned?**

Victory runs a limited number of sustainable programmes in keeping with its size.

Attendance at the weekly Wednesday morning service is declining slowly, but it's place in the life and mission of Victory has not been reviewed.

3. **New opportunities**

The Wikitoria housing and rehabilitation project, partnered with The Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity, is coming to an end next June. A small steering group is looking for opportunities to use the land for financially sustainable ministry.
The congregation have been asked to contribute ideas.

Vestry is currently reviewing our Vision with a view to setting actions to reach into our local community.

The Chin Congregation continue to meet on Sundays at 1pm. They join and take part in the monthly Whānau Service. And the young people attend Victory Youth. They have a passion to reach Buddhist's with the Gospel. There appears to be an opportunity here to minister more closely with each other.

MARLBOROUGH DEANERY

# Diocese of Nelson

## New Zealand

## PARISH REPORTS

# Marlborough Deanery

Awatere

Blenheim

Blenheim South

Havelock

Kaikoura

Picton

Spring Creek

Wairau Valley

## AWATERE

### Awatere Christian Joint Venture

**1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?**

There are encouraging signs of growth in our church among children, young people, and families. We are grateful for the work that our Intermediates and Families staff member, Raylene, is doing. Her evangelistic gifts and missional mindset are having a positive impact on our community.

Discipleship is happening in an organic way at the vicarage on Sundays. Those who attend share food, fun, prayer, worship and deep discussions.

Each year, in term 1, the teaching and small group focus has been on equipping the church for evangelism or discipleship. This year we introduced the "Equipped to Encourage" training material from Matthias Media.

**2. What needs to be pruned?**

The mission statement that we developed following the City-to-City visits was:

- Develop pathways to Christian faith.
- Gather to grow in Christ.
- Learn to share the gospel effectively.

The parish should consider how successful we are at helping church attendees to become disciples. We may need to ask ourselves if some of our activities consume energy without clearly contributing to evangelism, disciple-making, or spiritual formation.

We also may need to consider whether maintaining multiple service locations is producing sufficient spiritual fruit for the investment of energy and time.

**3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil?**

*Pathways to faith:*
The strongest opportunity lies in ministry among **children, youth, and families**. The positive impact of Raylene's ministry and the visible involvement of children in the church suggest fertile soil for future growth. We are hopeful that ongoing investment in family and youth evangelism and discipleship, will yield long-term fruit.

*Pathways/Share the gospel effectively:*
Another opportunity exists among **newcomers to the district and seekers who visit our services**. The Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored resources provide a foundation that could be expanded into ongoing evangelistic and discipling ministries.

*Gather to grow:*
The discovery Bible study method introduced at the Emmaus training event look like a simple and effective tool to gather and grow in Christ.

*(Note: In preparing this report, an AI tool was used to summarise our parish updates and to organise the summary into the three topics above.)*

## BLENHEIM

1. *What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?*

It has been a good year for Nativity, with ongoing fruitful activities and ministries to both the church and the wider community. There has also been gradual growth with some new people joining the congregation and some new babies with more on the day. Notably we have celebrated three baptisms earlier this year.

There are multiple cell groups and ministries running on a regular basis. This includes vibrant youth and children's ministries running each Sunday, a dedicated bible study group, craft activities, seniors' ministry, mid-week services and choir. There is also a new young adults group starting up recently, following a recent increase in people attending in their 20s and 30's.

The recently renovated Church Hall facilities continue to be used for church social activities and functions and ministry, such as the alpha marriage course, rock and roll night, and a senior's lunch. The facilities are also frequently hired and used by community groups, with the hall having a growing reputation as a place of hospitality.

The chapel has recently been recently refitted to house the church library of over 2000 books as a scriptorium providing access to Christian literature for the parish and community.

2. *What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?*

While there are a variety of ministries and activities with the church our enthusiastic volunteer resources are often over stretched. A number of ministries rely on the commitment and dedication of a few hard-working volunteers, and one of the challenges is to make sure that volunteers are not overworked.

We are in the process discerning which ministries might cease and which to have greater focus. One outreach that has recently ceased is Tunes for Tots that served the Blenheim comment for many years. This outreach was resource intensive and relied heavily on key volunteers, that was not able to continue when the stood down from the role.

3. *Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?*

We are in the process of considering what ministries to focus on and priorities going forward, especially as many volunteers are already committed. We discern a need to respond to adults, both young and old, seeking meaning in their lives. We wish to grow our house / care cell groups and to invest more leadership time. One opportunity we are working towards is to develop a discipleship programme for new members of the congregations.

Something we have been considering is the possibility of future collaboration with other parishes in the denary, and what shape that could take. So far there have been some have contributions to the ministries of other parishes such as lay volunteers and ordained ministers from Nativity preaching in other parishes.

## BLENHEIM SOUTH

### ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH REPORT FOR SYNOD 2026

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" Ecc. 3:1*

This year Blenheim South parish has been going through a season of change since the resignation of Rev Dr. Deo Vistar who followed a calling to serve in Adelaide.
Prior to the period of interregnum (which commenced late January 2026) our Ministry teams and Outreach were strong and focused on our vision of *Being and making Disciples in Blenheim.*

We were, and are, blessed to have a committed team of five paid staff covering Children, Youth, Older People, Parish Administration ministries along with our Vicar.
During the period of interregnum our Leadership Team focused on maintaining our current ministries and ensuring we received sound Biblical preaching. We are grateful to have had a variety of Preachers and Celebrants from our parish family, Marlborough Deanery, preachers from the Diocese via DVD and staff from Christian agencies in New Zealand.

**Signs of healthy growth over the past year:**

* Our Prayer Ministry Oversight Team has steadily developed. The team meets once a month and has spent time encouraging and supporting parishioners to pray regularly and share experiences of answered prayer.
* The Elder Care ministry continues to flourish. It provides regular programs and events for the elderly to attend.
* We have a talented Music Team at our contemporary service which has had a positive effect on our times of worship.
* New people have been willing to serve on Vestry, thus providing a wide range of practical and spiritual skills.
* There has been growth within the Chinese Fellowship and the ministry has coped well with a change of leadership.
* Our church communication strategy has been refreshed, significantly improving reach and response.
* In recent months we have welcomed 2-3 new families, along with seeing weekly attendance numbers trending upward.

**What needs to be pruned:**
Our Filipino Group has stopped meeting due to many members leaving the district. The few who have remained in Blenheim still worship at our church services.

**Opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil:**

* During the interregnum period some parishioners “stepped up” with taking on new responsibilities or support roles.
* With the appointment of Nigel Irwin to lead us we have now started a new season.
* Nigel has begun to work intentionally with our Home Group leaders to strengthen and grow this important ministry.
* After the departure of Deo and Guan, Nigel has stepped in as pastoral oversight for the Chinese Fellowship. This group is experiencing growth and there will be several baptisms in the near future.
* Our men’s ministry has strengthened under new leadership, and we are presently looking to expand both scope and reach.

**New Minister-in-Charge**

It is encouraging to have stepped in to give leadership to the Blenheim South Parish that is in very good health. While it was a relatively short interregnum season, it has been heartening to see how many people stepped forward to share leadership and responsibility for the ongoing health of the church family. I am excited to lead this expression of Christ’s church in Blenheim - to discern prayerfully His purposes for us, and to proclaim the Good News in fresh and confident ways, that His Kingdom come, His will be done in Redwoodtown, as it is in heaven.

Nigel Irwin - Minister-in-Charge
Steve Scaife - Bishop’s Warden
Mary Griffiths - People’s Warden

## HAVELOCK & THE SOUNDS

Havelock; the green lipped mussel capital of the world.

And all around the town are replicas of this delicacy, painted on buildings mounted on street corners. They are, of course at the heart of the annual mussel festival.

But the wind was taken out of its sail somewhat, by a overseas correspondent who wrote on his post (which sadly went viral) that he was so looking forward to eating this delicacy only to find, upon arrival, that the two restaurants that specialise in these mussels has closed for the winter and he was unable to purchase them anywhere.

Welcome to Havelock where the little church of St Peter stands on top of the hill looking down over the marina. It hasn't closed down for the winter, although it has been challenging. We even maintained a 10-week Alpha course on cold Sunday nights.

It's a small parish with a faithful following, committed to its weekly worship – numerically it can vary between 15 and 40 on any given Sunday, but who's counting? Those few who are committed to the leadership are more interested in seeing people grow spiritually. Three or four families, with obvious gifts have embraced the life of the parish and have added to it. They have brought gifts of preaching, of administration, of evangelism and of prayer. And alongside them are other folk who travel to worship at St Peters – some travelling 30 – 40 minutes to be part of the fellowship because we are centred on the truth of scripture and the grace of Jesus Christ. This is the healthy growth – hardly a week goes by, that someone doesn't visit us as they are travelling through – and, unlike the green-lipped mussel connoisseur they have found us home and experienced a warm welcome. These are the healthy shoots we are promoting: a place of warmth, of embrace, of hope – and the word does get around!

At the request of some locals, Rev Kevin Topp (in his role of rural ministry advisor) re-opened the church in Rai Valley for a monthly service some months ago and this has been well-received. The Bishop's warden, Chris Lordan (who lives close to Rai Valley). together with one or two locals have created a community garden behind the church and have dreams of developing an orchard with all the produce going to the community.

We have been pruning our structure in order to build a broader 'team ministry' where people are encouraged (and free) to exercise their clearly identifiable spiritual gifts.

We do have a Vestry, but it is a small management group – led by the Bishop's warden to ensure that we are accountable to the parish and the Diocese for our finances and buildings, health and safety – all those tasks that can get in the way of ministry – especially in a smaller rural parish, if we let them!

We have discovered that there is a major difference between a larger urban parish that has the human resources and the smaller rural parish that doesn't – and yet has to be just as accountable to the Diocese to our parent body – it just falls back on one of two people – who can feel burnt out...

The good soil into which we are planting the seeds is the new initiative to invite these other folk (mentioned in the previous paragraph) into an extended meeting with the Vestry to begin to dream dreams as to what we might look like if God's Spirit really did fall upon this community. We can hope for revival but we can plan for renewal (as someone once said!)

These dreams have reflected on 5 areas:

1. Building God's temple (the people of God) –
   Our money and efforts need to go into building up the people of God
   - In number (evangelism)
   - In maturity (discipleship)
   - In care for the community (social transformation)

   Our challenge is to keep praying, keep trusting and keep looking for opportunities.

2. Passing the baton to the next generation. Kevin Topp and I feel a little like Moses and Aaron (not sure who's who), together leading the people into the Promised Land – but it's the new leader that will take them there. Our role is to
   - Pursue a **Paul**
   - Train a **Timothy**
   - Be mentored by a **Mary**
   - Prepare a **Phoebe**

   (Thanks to Nicky Gumbel for these first two areas)

3. Prayer meetings
   As Michael Green wrote: 'When the people prayed, the Spirit came, the place where they prayed was shaken, prison doors broke open, and people dared to die with radiance'

   We are spending time building our reliance on prayer.

4. Life Groups, Home Groups, Bible Study Groups.
   We expressed a desire to develop a small group ministry

5. And finally, we are blessed to have a dedicated convenor for our children's ministry. What is our vision for this ministry?

That's our dream – the new seeds. The soil is being tilled!

And a cold, wet winter is almost behind us and, to quote a song from the Middle Ages: '*Sumer is icumen in.*'

Warm regards

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| +Richard Ellena | Transitional ministry team builder/advisor |
| Chris Lordan | Bishop's warden |
| Hilary Ellena | People's warden |

## KAIKOURA

### 1. *What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?*

In the past year, we've experienced 3 new younger people who live in the area or have moved into the area (under 40s) attending St Peter's on a regular basis. The congregation is being enriched by their presence as they bring new questions and new ideas.

One outcome from the parish's Wayfinder Day was offering more opportunities for equipping the saints. One of the members of our congregation offered a 6-week programme at the church hall in the Spring from mid-October to end of November. The programme used the book, *Surprise the World*: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People, to engage attendees with how they may effectively bring good news into their daily living as an outreach and outward looking mission.

In the Autumn, our Lenten series, in keeping with equipping the saints, undertook a study based on the Fasting Practice from Practicing the Way.

Our Senior's Pop-in is an outreach to seniors in the community. Several members of the congregation also attend this weekly drop-in and some are volunteers at it. Their faithful witness through the hospitality they have offered has resulted in a couple of the Tuesday attendees becoming regular members of the Sunday congregation. Those who have started worshipping with us are not new believers, but people who have felt disenfranchised from churches they'd attended in the past.
Another outcome of our participation in the Wayfinders programme is teaching the congregation about the many mission fields in which our Anglican Church is involved. Two members of the congregation are presenting a Monthly Mission Moment at our worship service. They choose a particular mission project to highlight from Anglican Missions, A Rocha, Christian Blind Mission, and smaller regional mission work.

In June, our Vicar preached a sermon series on the theme of hospitality. The lectionary in June took us to readings in Genesis that lend themselves especially well to reflections on hospitality. The intention of which was to continue sharing the vision of St Peter's as a house of hospitality.

While our numbers vary from week to week, especially in the winter, what St Peter's people are good at is a steady walking forward day by day in their journey of faith and with God. It is accomplished in phone calls made, offers of help, praying with and for people, care taken in preaching and leading worship. None of these actions alone guarantees that the fire will be fanned into a flame – we trust God's Holy Spirit to bring forth fruit.

In June, our newest younger members of the congregation took a look at our website and Facebook pages and undertook to improve our parish's online presence. They bring creative ideas for outreach and evangelism and have begun with short videos that explore faith, prayer, baptism, and stories of faith from the congregation.

***2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?***

Distractions! There are so many distractions for a small congregation. Where is our focus? What should we be doing? What should we stop doing? With a small vital congregation, there is only so much we can do without exhausting ourselves.

Through our working with Wayfinders and Practicing The Way, we have set ourselves and our vestry a focus for our mission. It is tempting to be distracted by the latest, newest, shiny thing for 'leading your church to growth' or 'congregational development,' and add it into the mix, but by doing so we would stretch ourselves too thinly.

***3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?***

We are always looking at ways we can reach out to the community and to visitors under our Eco Church banner.

The challenge of having a part-time priest is that they are always needing to prioritise what is essential and what is distracting from the mission of the parish. The richness of having a part-time priest is that it encourages the laity to step up and respond to God's call on their lives in ways they may not have otherwise. It is very telling that many of this last year's initiatives have been undertaken by the laity of the congregation. This is a great sign that 'equipping the saints' is bearing fruit.

What comes to mind is a practice called, The "Little Way". It is the spiritual path spoken of by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. It means doing ordinary daily tasks and small acts of kindness with great love for God. St Peter's mission focus to be a house of hospitality encourages that very idea that our daily living, if done with great love for God, 'invites' others into following the way of Jesus.

# PICTON

## PICTON ANGLICANS

### Overview

Our congregation is small and ageing, and we are experiencing declining numbers, yet there are clear signs of spiritual maturity. We have been without a vicar since the resignation of our previous vicar approximately one year ago. During this extended vacancy, lay members have carried responsibility for sustaining parish life and worship. Faithful preaching continues to deepen our knowledge of Jesus, while relationships within the congregation are strengthening. People feel supported, known and cared for. We remain prayerful and hopeful, even as we face significant practical, pastoral and ministry challenges.

### Signs of Life and Growth

- Growth in faith through the faithful preaching of Jesus Christ each week.
- Deepening relationships within the congregation, with a strong sense of mutual support and care.
- Good involvement in a new weekly daytime study group.
- A continuing identity as a prayerful community, seeking God's direction for the future.

### Changes in Parish Life

Several of the additional gatherings we previously offered have stopped, including a coffee together twice a month at a local café.  and the evening home group. A weekly daytime study group has begun and has attracted good involvement. These changes can feel like harsh pruning, particularly when valued groups come to an end, but they also invite us to discern where new shoots may emerge and how our limited energy can be used most faithfully.

### Worship and Lay-Led Ministry

In the absence of a vicar, our lay-led services have developed a different shape, with more space for worship and generally shorter sermons. We are using the Revised Common Lectionary more frequently and following the seasons of the Church year more closely. We are also trying a variety of approaches to presenting sermons and reflections, endeavouring to be more creative while remaining grounded in Scripture and prayer.

During September, our services will reflect the Season of Creation. We hope to conclude this  with a St Francis Day blessing of the animals on 4 October. These seasonal and community-facing services are opportunities to deepen worship, care for creation and welcome people who may not usually attend church.

## Key Challenges

### Leadership during the vacancy

The parish has been without a vicar for approximately one year following the resignation of Marie-Jeanette van der Wal. In the absence of ordained parish leadership, lay members have worked faithfully to maintain worship, pastoral care and the essential life of the congregation. This has revealed commitment and resilience, while also adding to fatigue and sharpening our need for prayerful direction and pastoral support.

### Sustainability and buildings

We are grateful for the marvellous buildings we have inherited, but ongoing bills, maintenance and upkeep place a heavy burden on a small congregation.

### Volunteer fatigue

A small group is carrying much of the responsibility for maintaining parish life and Sunday services during the vacancy. This sustained responsibility can leave people tired and uncertain about how to move beyond immediate needs.

### An ageing congregation

The demographic of our congregation is ageing. We value the wisdom, faithfulness and pastoral strength of our people, while recognising the need to become more welcoming and attractive to younger generations and to make room for new forms of participation and leadership.

### Direction for revitalisation

We recognise that revitalisation during a prolonged vacancy requires prayerful direction. We are asking where God is leading us, what the next faithful step may be, and what pastoral and diocesan support will help shepherd us through this season.

### Worship and communication

We need to review our music so that its language is both contemporary and inclusive. We want worship to be faithful and accessible, and to connect more naturally with Millennials, Generation Z and others who may be unfamiliar with traditional church language. We are exploring suitable music and worship resources, including material available through YouTube and other sources.

### Opportunities and Next Steps

- Encourage members' participation in community and outside groups as natural opportunities to build relationships and share faith.
- Develop collaboration with another Anglican church in a similar situation, learning from its experience and exploring mutual encouragement.
- Continue discerning contemporary, inclusive and accessible music and worship resources, with particular attention to younger generations.
- Protect and strengthen the congregation's life of prayer so that decisions arise from trust in God rather than from pressure or anxiety.

- Nurture “new shoots” through creative sermon formats, seasonal worship, community-facing services and opportunities for participation across generations.
- Seek practical diocesan guidance around the parish vacancy, revitalisation, leadership, buildings and sustainable ministry.

## Our Hope and Prayer

*The pruning can be harsh, especially when familiar groups and activities must stop. Yet our pastoral hearts are strong, our faith is strong, and our people are people of prayer. We do not give up. In the uncertainty of “what next?”, we hear the call to trust God, who will not fail us. Our prayer is for wisdom, renewed strength and clear direction as we seek to recognise and nurture the new shoots God is bringing forth.*

## Support We Would Value

- Prayer for discernment, perseverance and renewed hope.
- Pastoral and strategic support during the vacancy, including help to discern a pathway towards appropriate future leadership and parish revitalisation.
- Advice concerning the sustainable care and use of parish buildings.

Connections with parishes facing similar circumstances so that experience and resources can be

## SPRING CREEK

Once again, another year has passed and St Lukes at Spring Creek continues with Sunday services that are open to all. We have a consistent flavour of ministry within the Anglican programme.

Our services are a continuing mixture of styles led by either, our advising minister. Rev Derek Harding, or various lay people from our congregation. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sundays as a rule with services of the word on the remaining Sundays. For each service we use the liturgy with complimentary readings onto a screen. Our expanding library of music videos covers the traditional but embraces the modern in keeping with the themes used in the ministry.

Vestry meets regularly and our finances continue to be healthy because we have no stipend to pay and we are able to rent the vicarage with excellent tenants. Consequently, we are able to maintain the buildings and the grounds.

Our mission statement from Micah 6: 7- 8 *'…And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'*; along with the creed and varying forms of our commitment in faith from the prayer book, remind us who we are and who our God is in the running of this small church and in our personal lives. Many of us now travel from town including a lovely family with vibrant children originally from Tuvalu.

With our trees maintained, we offer a visible umbrella for spring and summer lunches or barbeques in the near future, that show we are actively open to all. Our hall is used by AA every week. Each week we look and pray to our gracious and merciful God to point us in the direction of our Saviour Jesus as Lord of all and of our lives and to depend on the Holy Spirit to give us insight into our future here, whether personally or collectively.

Submitted by Denise Dinmore, Synod Rep for St Luke's Church Spring Creek Parish.

## WAIRAU VALLEY

It has now been 22 months since our Vicar departed for a full-time role in Christchurch and we continue to pursue options to find a replacement. The Reverend Debbie Paton continues to minister in the parish in a non-stipendiary role and the Bishop's Warden is managing the day-to-day operational role. We are grateful for all the support that we have received from retired clergy and lay who have kept the level of preaching to a high standard that has challenged and encouraged. The number of parishioners continues to increase from the 20's into the 40's so the seeds are being planted and God is bringing forth the growth. Without a stipend being paid we have caught up on all our deferred maintenance on both our churches and on the vicarage that is currently being rented out at market rates. Our community facing events remain well patronised including the Christmas tree festival, garden tour, bottle auction, Mainly Music and SayGo.

Regards the Bishop's request to reflect on the following:

1. Signs of healthy growth? The fact that attendance numbers are increasing is encouraging. We haven't identified any specific reason or programme however we have been focussing on welcoming and doing life together so perhaps these are impacting upon folk.

2. What needs to be pruned? Although we have small numbers of workers we do achieve a lot throughout the year. We were granted an Elder Care grant at the beginning of the year and found that we'd reached capacity as only one volunteer came forward to assist. As a result, we pulled the programme and returned the money.

3. Where do you see opportunities? We were hopeful that the discussions with Paul M would bear fruit in the Mainly Music space however this has not come to pass. We have decided that it is worth trying again as part of the SayGO exercise programme as we are offering morning tea afterwards so there are definitely opportunities to plant more seeds there.

Brian Paton
Bishop's Warden

**MAWHERA DEANERY**

# Diocese of Nelson

## New Zealand

## PARISH REPORTS

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## BULLER

2025-2026 has been a busy time for the Buller Parish with lots of encouraging stories of people coming to faith and growing in their relationship with Jesus.

Our parish covers 100km of coastline and encompasses 3 churches, St John's Westport, St Peter's Granity and Holy Trinity Karamea. Each church meets every Sunday, and this is only possible because of a committed team of 10 lay preachers who share in the preaching ministry alongside the Vicar and Assistant Priest.

We also have an all-age congregation called Lighthouse which meets every Sunday afternoon in school term. Lighthouse was planted 4 years ago and continues to grow with a regular attendance of 20 adults and 20 children. We are so thankful for the seeding grant from the diocese which enables us to employ our part-time Children and Families Ministry Leader to oversee Lighthouse.

Our biggest challenge this year has been financial. Buller is one of the most socio-economically deprived regions in the country, which has been compounded by the recent closure of Talley's factory and Westland Mineral Sands. Buller is also one of the more expensive areas to minister to, given the geographical distances involved and the historic nature of our church buildings. We are so thankful that in the face of the cost-of-living crisis our parish giving has held up, even increasing slightly. But our overall expenses continue to increase. Some generous one-off donations from parishioners have enabled us to be financially solvent to the end of 2026.

Vestry has recently been looking at solutions to enable us to be financially viable in the short term, medium term and long term. It is clear that creative solutions need to be found. We recently called the whole parish to a special prayer day, asking the Lord to provide for the needs of our parish. We ask those in the wider diocese to pray too, asking the Lord if there are ways in which you could support the ministry in Buller.

***1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?***

- We have celebrated several baptisms and confirmations since this time last year. 5 youth and 3 adults have been baptised, and 2 adult confirmations. Interestingly most of these came from our rural congregations in Karamea and Granity.
- In May we held our 2nd annual Wayfinder follow-up. It was an encouragement to see that many of the goals we put in place over the last 2 years have come to fruition. Each of our 3 churches came up with goals for the next 12 months. A common theme was growing the connections between and within our different congregations. Many thanks to the facilitators from the Bishop's Mission Team, Spanky Moore and Paul Milson.
- 2 of our parishioners have benefitted from study at Bishopdale Theological College this year.

- Several bible study groups meet regularly in the parish. This includes our young adults bible study group which provides fellowship for people age 20-40, and a place to invite younger adults who are not yet believers but open to exploring Christian faith.
- Our ministry to older people continues to bless many people in the wider community through home visits to approximately 40 people from Karamea to Westport.
- Our weekly prayer meeting in Westport regularly gets over 10 people to intercede for our parish and wider community.

2. ***What needs to be pruned - that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?***

- Our youth group Ignite Youth has been running for 7 years. All of the original youth have now graduated and there is different younger group to work with. Conversations are beginning with the current leaders about whether we need to re-assess the best way to minister to this new group.
- Our 8am congregation in Westport is small. This year we have decided to combine with the 10am service once a month to build connections with the wider parish and to relieve some of the pressure on the rosters.
- Going forward we are conscious of the need to take some of the workload off the vicar, particularly in the areas of administration and pastoral care.
- We have had initial conversations at vestry regarding the extent to which our buildings are fit for purpose going forward and whether we would be better served by other facilities with lower maintenance cost.

3. ***Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?***

- We continue to work well with other denominations in Westport and run an annual outreach event together in the main street called “Community Heart”.
- We have been building links between our 10am and 4pm (Lighthouse) congregations in Westport. Both congregations number about 40 people and the links between these 2 groups are so important going forward. The morning congregation needs the energy and connections into the community that the Lighthouse families bring. The families benefit from the wisdom, generosity and support of older members from the morning congregations.
- We very much want the ministry of Lighthouse to continue into the future. We are exploring a variety of funding options to continue to employ our Children and Families Ministry Leader going forward.

*Rev Matt Watts, Vicar*

## COBDEN-RUNANGA

### 1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?

**Incorporation and discipleship**
We have continued with the development of our incorporation and discipleship track with a regular meeting where we talk through things like being more intentional around discipleship, welcoming and how to integrate people into the life of the parish. To that end have introduced a welcome brochure and insert. We have had a formal training for our greeters, and we are tracking those who are new to the parish to ensure we are looking after their spiritual needs and discipling them well through courses like Alpha, Understanding Your Baptism, Effective Living, one on one mentoring and a new home group aimed at newcomers.

**Sharing shed**
The Sharing Shed has been a real blessing to the Parish over many years, and this has only accelerated in recent years. It provides a tangible connection between the community and the church. Provides helpful finances to the Parish. Enables us to make community grants and support Missions while providing the community with cheap good quality clothing and household goods as well as free food through the community pantry.

**Soup Kitchen**
A new initiative that arose from two congregation members which is a healthy sign. Weekly lunchtime soup over winter and a chance to connect with the community.

**Children's ministry**
New senior leadership with expectations of greater responsibility for team members. The change process will need to be carefully navigated.

**Maintenance schedule**
A five-year plan to renovate the vicarage and deal with existing maintenance issues across most of our property. We are into year three of this plan and it is bearing fruit in less maintenance forecast for the future and means we will hand over plant that should not require major work for years to come.

**New people involved in different areas of parish life.**
New folk are coming into the life of the parish and starting to get involved in different ministries and roles thereby spreading the load.

**Ordination candidate**
An ordination candidate recommended to the Bishop for examination.

**Eight adult baptisms**
We have had about eight adult baptisms over recent years and most of these are new to church.

**Healing rooms**
An ecumenical public facing ministry overseen by the parish. Seeing growth amongst those involved and to those they minister to we are seeing some coming to church.

**KYB groups**
Regular faithful home groups for women producing solid discipleship.

**Boys bible study**
A weekly boys Discipleship Bible Study

**New music group**
Anew music group that leads sung worship two Sundays a month.

**Increase in numbers**
We have seen a 10% increase in attendance at both Runanga and Cobden services

**Runanga**
New initiatives like Healing Rooms, The Messenger's Band and new people coming on board in Runanga has breathed fresh life into this part of the Parish.

**Marketing Refresh**
New marketing materials, graphics, signage and website have given us a renewed and fresher look.

**Meal Train**
A more organised way of connecting folk in need of a meal with those willing to make one.

**2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?**

To be honest, not too much. The Discipleship 101 course has had a varied impact and has drifted to the sidelines at present but may be revived in the future.

Sometimes I wonder about the usefulness for the Kingdom of the Rest Home services, Dementia Unit service and the Amen column in the local paper but these are rare points of connection with the wider community which build credit for us so are probably worth continuing.

**3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?**

Again, like the previous answer we are working at the capacity of our volunteer base which makes adding new ministries difficult. I would rather ministries arose naturally from the gifting and passion of our congregation. So, it's more a case of continuing to invest in what we are already doing than adding more for the sake of adding more.

Tim Mora

## GREYMOUTH & KUMARA

In November 2024 a number of our parish leaders met with Spanky Moore for a Wayfinder Day which led to the following 10-year vision statement.

> *The Greymouth and Kumara Anglican Parish longs to be a passionate, intergenerational community that radically loves and welcomes everyone just as they are. We are committed to creating a safe, authentic space where people from all walks of life can experience the healing, hope, and transformation found in Jesus. Through intentional connections, open hearts, and active discipleship we empower our people to love and serve Greymouth & Kumara, using their God-given gifts to bring His hope to our region. We aim to nurture each person's growth in faith and to carry the love of Jesus beyond our walls, as we are blessed to be a blessing to others.*

With this overall vision in mind we report on where we are.

**What signs of healthy shoots have we noticed in our ministry?**

- Our volunteers who do the bulk of the administration work are now solidly in place.
- In Term 2 this year we were able to launch three new home groups. They are currently being led by clergy, but there is every hope that in this process new lay leaders will be developed.
- The little congregation in Kumara has increased with a couple of children also coming occasionally. The numbers are not steady, but it is encouraging that new people are coming who are new Christians. It is so good to have Rach and Evan Hunt actively involved in the community and having interesting conversations with residents.
- Last year (under the leadership of our then curate, Emily Holmes), we offered a Matariki Remembrance Service to the community. It went down well and we were encouraged to offer it again this year. We did so, and this year our numbers increased by half again as many. Many parishioners invited neighbours and friends who they knew had lost loved ones in the last year. Many who attended were not church goers. We worked in partnership with Whare Manaaki o Te Tai Poutini. Our theme was from *darkness to light; from grief to hope* and many said they were helped. We have decided to make this an annual event.
- Cobden-Runanga parish (where Tim Mora is vicar) recently ran an Alpha Course out of which five new believers were baptised. These new Christians have come from difficult lives, and Tim Mora could see they would benefit from Healing of Memories ministry (inner healing) and invited Robin Kingston from our parish to make a presentation at the end of the Alpha Course to explain the ministry and extend an invitation. One person has started the process with significant results and others are considering it. We are delighted to be able to collaborate with our neighbouring parish in these people's discipleship journey.

- Another new area of collaboration between our parish and the wider church community is with the recently established Runanga Healing Rooms where some of our parishioners are part of the healing prayer team.
- People (not necessarily parishioners or church goers) are making use of our church, chapel and library which is open during the day as a quiet place for reflection and prayer.
- We did a sermon series in July on spiritual gifts and will carry on with workshops to help those who are interested to identify, grow in, and use their God-given gifts.
- We have added an offertory hymn to the Sunday 8am service after decades of this being an entirely said Communion service. The congregation is pleased.

**What needs pruning? That is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?**

- External eyes continuously advise us to reduce the number of worship services we offer. What they do not realise is that 20 years ago when our vicar first came to the parish there were seven weekly services across the two worship centres. They all served an important purpose. Over the years some of the services closed and others were opened. We now have three Sunday services in Greymouth and two services a month in Kumara. While we continue to evaluate our services in both Greymouth & Kumara with respect to meeting times, length, and shape, vestry is of the mind that our current offerings are important for the discipleship and wellbeing of the parish.

**What's the invitation to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?**

- The Healing of Memories ministry headed by Robin Kingston seems to be heading for multiplication. Robin will be in Nelson for two weeks in September to train and minister in this much needed ministry.
- We continue to watch for needs in our wider community where God may desire to use us.

**Conclusion**

Retirement is looming for our vicar and assistant priest Marge and Robin. The diocese will begin advertising for a new vicar of Greymouth and Kumara in February 2027. Marge and Robin will remain in place until a new vicar is appointed but will not be involved in the process. The nominators and parish welcome the prayers of the wider diocese during this time.

Respectfully submitted with Vestry's consent,
Marge Tefft, Vicar
Samara Ewan, Vicar's Warden
Wayne Lorimer, People's Warden

## REEFTON & THE GREY VALLEY

The Bishop is continuing his commitment to encouraging us all in a season of revitalisation and to this end wanting the parishes to also make a commitment 'to seeing our lives and ministries grow in making disciples who make disciples'

Ephesians 4:12-13 tells us that we are ' to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ'.

I am full of praise to God for what He has done in Reefton this year. Our congregation grew from a regular congregation of two to one of eight. We lost one person to Holy Trinity in Greymouth who lived closer to Greymouth than Reefton so we are down to seven, but still a great increase on last year. I am honoured to have been part of this person's reintegration to church life.

I am encouraged to see those in the congregation forging friendships and encouraging one another in their walk with God. Talk after church around the morning tea table is often where questions are raised concerning our relationship with God.

Another place where these questions are asked, again at morning tea, is after our chair aerobics session. This was originally run under the auspices of West Coast Health but on hearing that they may be pulling out those attending (some of which are non-churched) wanted to continue so we are continuing as a church outreach and community health project … and just maybe this will enable us to use this time for mission which was not possible under West Coast Health as they were required to be 'impartial'.

We are encouraged that a long-time Reefton service known as 'Who Cares House' is now, after a change of management, wanting to work with us for the benefit of the community. This was not so under the previous manager. We are now able to offer Op Shop support in the form of a regular donation to boost their food bank and to refer folk to each other. The Op Shop has also grown this year, opening two days per week instead of one and generating greater income (more than double) which is used in the wider community.

I know that God is not finished with St Stephens, indeed He has not finished with Reefton, although I don't yet know where He is leading but we continue to pray and search out His heart for our church, our town and His body here in our newly formed intercessory prayer group.

It is with pleasure and grateful praise to God that I present this report, showing how our little corner of the body of Christ is growing in faith, in their walk with Jesus and in the knowledge of God the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Hilary Ladds
Lay Minister

**WAIMEA DEANERY**

# Diocese of Nelson

## New Zealand

## PARISH REPORTS

# Waimea Deanery

Golden Bay

Mapua

Motueka

Richmond

Waimea

Wakefield and Districts

## GOLDEN BAY

### 1. What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?

There are many encouraging signs of life and growth in the Parish of Golden Bay.

Here are some bullet points

- Prayer room: The prayer room that we set up for ten days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost (this year) has continued on to the present day. Morning prayer happens Monday through Friday with an eclectic group of people attending. It often lingers on past noon with questions, wonder, connection and prayer for each other.
- Food and Fellowship: created by our new Elder Care Coordinator, this fortnightly gathering over lunch provides a space for connection and meaningful conversation across a wide range of ages.
- Kids programmes – we have a growing number of kids and youth connected to our parish. Some of our young people are helping to lead worship in our services and others are helping by serving and leading at Bridge Valley Camp. Out in Collingwood we have a growing number of kids coming to our monthly Sunday school.
- Re-Storied – led by the Wheels team, we did three days of teaching, worship/music, prayer and connecting. We had 80-90 people attend with many from outside of Golden Bay. There were some beautiful things that happened during those days.
- Servants Team – we started a wider leadership team to grow the number of people who are 'holding' the church. We have about 25 people who are part of this team who gather regularly to eat, worship, pray and dream together.
- A well-attended Lenten Prayer Course by 24/7 Prayer held at the vicarage.
- Regular Jesus Dance Parties – the freedom to dance before the Lord is a gift, a sign of life, and a beautiful witness to our community.
- Combined church camp with Kahurangi Christian Church at Totaranui.
- Baptisms and attendance: We have seen people turn toward Jesus and have baptised seven people since last Synod. We also continue to see people from the community who have not been part of the church show up at our services. We have had some epic services with so many people that some were standing in the entrance peeking in.
- We even have people relocating to Golden Bay to be a part of what God is doing.

Ultimately, as followers of Jesus, we are called to grow in our love for God, love for each other and love for his world. We do that by reorganising our lives (individually and corporately) around Jesus and becoming like him. When we love well, we create a safe and welcoming place where anyone can come and find hope, experience love, and grow in faith. As beautiful and wonderful as it is in Golden Bay, there are more than a few unsafe places for people to land in. I think one of the gifts that we can give to our community is to be that safe place. It was quite encouraging for me to hear one person remark after a service one

Sunday that they felt like they were in a safe place. When we arrived here, becoming a welcoming grace-filled safe community was one of our main goals.

I have watched our seasoned saints literally embrace and welcome new people that are remarkably different from them. It has been wonderful to see them pivot to do this. When we baptised three people in the Tākaka River last December, I watched a joy-filled group of long-term members of this parish stand in the pouring rain to thank God and witness that beautiful event.

**2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?**

Because we have become known as a welcoming place, we rarely have gatherings or events that are only followers of Jesus. A change that we need to make is to create more 'in' spaces. This was noted in last year's parish report, but we have not made consistent progress on this yet. Even when we started our Servant Team, we had people show up who had never even been to the church before. A few more 'in' spaces will help us to do a better job of discipling our young or new Christians (as well as the rest of us) in the context of Golden Bay.

We have lots of good ideas and there are lots of needs and opportunities, but we are mindful that we want to be led by the Spirit. We don't want to go faster or slower than God. We want to grow at the speed of relationship.

**3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?**

We are planning to turn the side room of the church into The Living Room: a space of safety, hospitality, discipleship and belonging in the centre of Tākaka, that points to Jesus. This will be a cosy, welcoming lounge-style space that feels like a cross between a small café and a living room— for conversation and connection. It is designed as a "third space" in the community, separate to home and work, where everyone is welcome to belong. We have received some funding (thank you All Saints in Nelson!) for phase one of this project.

Our Servant Team spent time reflecting on opportunities that we have for ministry in our community. Most of those revolve around meeting practical needs of people living in Golden Bay (food, housing, work), helping isolated people find community, and facilitating small groups. We are trying to create capacity for and discern which one of these we cultivate as a church.

When I asked people at one of our first Servant Team meetings why they were there, a few of them said that they felt like God was doing something and they wanted to be part of it. There was a sense of excitement in the room. God is clearly at work in Golden Bay. We are just trying to follow the wind of his Spirit.

Mark Johnson
Vicar

## MAPUA (HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH)

What signs of healthy growth have you observed?

- I have been blessed and encouraged by the way the HCC team has transitioned into a new season – this has taken governance wisdom, a gentle feeling out of roles transitioning, new team dynamics becoming familiar, and a good deal of fortitiude to make space for a new minister without letting go of all that ministry that's being carried & done together.
- The Governance team is forward thinking, inovative, visionary and actions things with strategy and wisdom. It is a pleasure and honour to work with them.
- I have really respected where people have been willing to let go of roles that are exhausting them, and practise healthy boundaries and rhythms of ministry and rest.
- We have gathered and trained more volunteers to serve in the new afterschool Kids Club program, in children's ministry, in eldercare ministry and in hospitality.
- We have a new eldercare coordinator & team, refreshed events and refreshed pastoral care for local elderly.
- I currently serve as the new children's worker, and we have a new team, new children's programs and new relationships with local families growing.
- I am journeying with local youth families who meet regularly as a youth homegroup and we have been working through Youth Alpha and building relationships between the youth and among the parents.
- We have fresh collaboration with local school and organisations, who are working with us to serve the local community.
- We have had encouraging feedback that Hills Church is becoming more known and familiar to local families and individuals – they are feeling comfortable to attend programs in the church facilities and enjoying them which is great.
- There continues to be a deep desire for prayer and worship among the congregation, and a willingness to continue deeper into a variety of service/worship/prayer styles. This courage and respect for our diversity as we hold together in Jesus for the cause of His kingdom & mission here undergirds and nurtures continual growth.

What needs to be pruned (John 15:2) – that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?

- Selling the old building and land in order to serve the future mission of God in Māpua has been key to fostering greater health and there have been many hours of hard work behind the scenes by Governance members to see this happen.

- As we consolidate our ministry and team functioning as Hills whānau there will be a need for people to further reflect on responsibilities they are carrying and where God might be inviting them to let go of roles that are exhausting or ill-fitting. This will continue to open up space for new people to hear a call from God and receive continuing grace from God for taking these roles and ministries into this new season.
- In our expectations of what successful church looks like and in how we evangelise, we may need to critique and 'prune' presumptions from what worked well in past decades. As a church community, we care for and offer the gospel to the elderly who have a very different subculture and upbringing to the younger families, youth and children of today's society. We will need to reflect and critique where we expect:
    1. 'success' to look like quick increase in Sunday service numbers or tithing,
    2. 'success' to look like an intergenerational, one size/style fits all Sunday service,
    3. That people in society don't want to hear the gospel/don't like church.
- The ways that younger generations are showing an openness to relationship with church people, are around programs or individuals serving the community needs, and authentic connection where they feel seen, respected & loved for who they are regardless of whether they come on a Sunday or not. They may react to being 'preached at' or 'taught' but they are often open to genuine care & vulnerable life shared. This style of relational/friendship evangelism is slower and more organic. The impact that the gospel is having through us on the surrounding community may not show quickly, or in Sunday numbers and tithes. We want to let go of mindsets/expectatons that will unnecessarily discourage us, and give energy to mindsets/expectations in our church culture that will help us to see how God is at work through us in the lives of our local community.

<u>Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?</u>

- We have Kids afterschool Club up and running. We have collaborated with Māpua School, Māpua Wellbeing Trust, Anglican Diocese, local 'grandparent' volunteers from within and outside the church. Families are loving it.
- We are looking at further collaboration with local individuals & whānau, and potentially Ministry of Education to support a Holiday program.
- We are looking at further collaboration with Māpua Wellbeing Trust, local community groups & local individuals/whānau to serve local Youth needs (ie: a weekly group and potentially a leadership training program).
- We communicate and collaborate with Māpua School, RSA, Wellbeing Trust, Community Choir, and surrounding area churches for local events.

- We collaborate with local organisations, medical professionals, community groups and local individuals for Seniors Connect Cafe and Events.

My heart is to keep nurturing the health of Hills Church whānau in our worship, care, relationships, and mission together. HCC is an incredible team and whānau to be a part of. We build and serve as living stones. We are the church and we offer whatever is in our heart and hands as God calls and guides us with gentleness and wisdom.

The values of Hope, Compassion & Courage stir us to continue to grow deep with Jesus as diverse people together, and to offer what we have been given by God in serving our local community, not for our own gain, but to do our best to see and love the person in front of us as Jesus would. God brings the provision, the wisdom, the guarding and God calls in those to connect, and does the deep lifelong transformational work in all of us as we journey together in Christ. Praise be to God and thanks to Hills whānau and team!

In Christ,
Emily Holmes
Minister

# MOTUEKA

## Motueka Anglicans

In April 2026, we (Andrew and Emily Spence) were commissioned as Co-Vicars of Motueka Parish, so we have been here for four wonderful months at the time of writing this. It has been an amazing time of settling into the area and church, getting to know everyone, and seeing some fruit emerging.

**What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?**

*Connection across congregations*

- Working bees for the vicarage - Prior to our start date, the parish rallied together for three working bees (along with many hours by some with helpful skills in-between). We heard from many people (and observed when we popped in) a huge sense of togetherness, with people from multiple services connecting together, many of whom hadn't met each other before. The Samoan and Tongan congregations who meet at St Thomas's Church joined in also and the cross-cultural and intergenerational connections were wonderful.
- Communications - We have begun a weekly emailed newsletter with information for the whole parish. This has aimed to bring the three churches in our parish together, along with parishioners who are unable to attend services physically and has also consolidated various existing communications such as some wonderful weekly devotions from our community pastor. So far, the response has been very positive.
- Midwinter Christmas - We held a dinner with double the expected number of participants showing up (and an encouraging miracle of God around the food!). This has been a great talking point for those in attendance and was another opportunity to connect together with the three worship locations of our parish (the original purpose of the event), plus their friends and families. 120-130 people in our auditorium singing carols together in July was quite something to behold!

*Children's ministry*

- Kids' Church - Having not had a children's programme for about eight years, our three boys necessitated one right away! Since April we have had two additional families begin attending with us off/on, and occasional extras. We have a team of seven volunteers leading the programme, two per week. We also continue to run a children's programme at St James', Ngātīmoti.
- Little Ferns Playgroup - In July we started up a playgroup similar to the one the church previously ran for more than 20 years but ceased in 2019. Amazingly, much of the equipment and resources were still around and we have formed a team with seven members to help with the group and grow together in discipleship. The generosity from the parish towards getting the space ready for families to enjoy has been truly inspiring, with funds provided speedily for a new huge carpet mat, bark for the playground, and new sand for the sandpit, along with physical donations of updated toys/resources for the children to enjoy. Across this playgroup and the children's programme on a Sunday at St Thomas's, we have had 11 different parishioners step into leader or helper roles with children. What a gift from God!

- Winning With Words - This programme which utilises trained volunteers to assist children one-to-one with literacy skills in fun and engaging ways goes from strength to strength. There are more and more children coming through needing assistance and more spaces in another church building now need to be utilised to meet the growing demand. We praise God that as need has grown, teachers have called out of the blue to ask if we need their assistance. Such an encouragement!

*Services and prayer*

- Messy Church - This amazing team continues to meet weekly to grow closer to each other and God and then leads a phenomenal evening of intergenerational connections and learning at Messy Church monthly. We have enjoyed joining in with this congregation and our children especially have found a lot of joy in it. With a focus this year on discipleship, we have seen kids praying aloud for people who are sick, joining in with leading singing on stage, learning about the power of the Holy Spirit (with help from a leaf-blower!) and more. We have also seen some older adults find a place of acceptance and connection there, and all ages in-between engaging with one another and the creative content at each table in the room.
- Prayer groups - We have just added two weekly opportunities to gather in prayer, Monday evenings online and Wednesday mornings in person, along with the Thursday afternoon group that was already going. So far we have had encouraging engagement in each of these areas, including when we went away and forgot to organise the details - Monday online prayer continued regardless and the locked building didn't put off the Wednesday crew!

*Other blessings*

- We have a new admin volunteer which is a huge blessing. There have been wonderful people previously holding the emails, bookings and other admin faithfully, but we are pleased to be able to release them from these roles and have someone take them on who finds them life-giving.
- Daryl Collingwood's appointment as a Chaplain at Woodlands Rest Home.
- Karakia Pentecost worship and prayer evening held in conjunction with the other churches in Motueka, where 200 of us gathered together as churches of all denominations.
- The Diocesan Emmaus Day in Stoke, which allowed our team to gather and be encouraged in our leadership. We had 14 of us attend (plus three kids), which we believe was the largest group from one single church at the Waimea/Nelson one.

**What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?**

*Streaming of services (already pruned)*

- We have ceased this as it was deterring some from engaging in the services, as well as being an additional admin task to put together the videos. The streaming technology is not our passion as co-vicars and detracts from other areas of ministry in which we have greater gifts.

*Growing Younger*

- Many of our volunteers who have faithfully served for many years are now growing tired, as with many aging parishes. There is an urgency to growing younger as church congregations in our parish so that our mission and ministries are able to continue (or adapt) as they are passed down to others. Getting younger in age may require some adjustments to what we currently do, which will be an ongoing project.

**Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?**

*Family and Young People Ministry*

- One of our significant opportunities is to grow younger as a parish. With our own children at an age where we are naturally connecting with young families and young people, we see a real opportunity to help families discover faith and come to know God. We don't yet know exactly what this will look like, but we are excited to pray into this opportunity, listen to God and to our community, and see where God leads us.

*Discipleship*

- Discipleship is at the heart of the church and is as important in this age as it has always been. We are therefore keen to explore what a deeper culture of discipleship might look like in the Motueka Parish. As we seek to establish a core team of leaders within the parish, we also want to develop opportunities for discipleship that are accessible to the whole congregation. This may involve developing groups, programmes and practices that help people grow in their relationship with Jesus and learn what it means to follow him together. We recognise that this is not something that can be rushed. We believe that, in this area particularly, slower is often better. Our commitment is to see discipleship become an integral and life-giving part of parish life, growing naturally over time.

*Community Engagement*

- In June, we spent time as a vestry considering how we can connect more intentionally with our local community. We came away with some great ideas, but perhaps even more importantly, we discovered just how deeply our existing congregation is already connected to Motueka. Among our parishioners are people involved in teaching at three local schools, working in at least two kindergartens, and serving through at least six local op shops and community aid organisations.

These existing relationships are a wonderful opportunity for evangelism, service and simply building genuine connections with people in our community. Rather than starting from scratch, we want to recognise, encourage and equip the connections that already exist among our people.

**Our Parishioners:**

*He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. - Māori whakatauki*

*(What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.)*

Ultimately, the greatest strength of our parish is its people. We have been blessed with an amazing group of people who care deeply for one another, for our parish and for the mission God has entrusted to us.

We cannot name everyone, but we do want to acknowledge those who have been particularly instrumental in the care, support and mission of our parish over the past year.

Thank you to our assistant priest Neil Bowdler and our wardens, Janet and Michael, who faithfully held the parish together during the interim; to Gail and Rex Roberts and Gary Adams for their work coordinating the vicarage renovations and garden; to our Care Team and community pastor Daryl Collingwood; to the St James' Committee in Ngātīmoti; to Sheila and Chris Budgen at St Barnabas in Riwaka; to Gary and Phillipa Adams and the Messy Church team; and to our many prayer warriors who faithfully hold our parish, our people and our mission before God. We are deeply grateful for each of you and for the many other people whose quiet faithfulness makes the life of our parish possible.

Ngā mihi nui,

Revs.Andrew and Emily Spence

## RICHMOND

### Holy Trinity Richmond & St Alban's Appleby

**Richmond Anglican**, in the past year, has remained committed to prioritising Bible teaching and prayer as the way we expect to see the Holy Spirit bring regeneration to us as God's people, and bring revitalisation of our fellowship as we engage intentionally in evangelism. We want to give thanks that God has been gracious and kind to us and we will remain committed to following His leading with humility, and trust that as we seek to walk closely with Him, He will continue to shape and guide us as a parish church as we move forward.

It is true that we have seen newcomers arriving at our Sunday Services but admit most are already believers transferring in from other congregations, located both near and far. However, we have had a few that are true enquirers into the faith. We certainly celebrate with those few that do respond to our community evangelistic invitations. This has been mainly through our three key outreach ministries using the *Hope Explored course* (a 3-week course to teach about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus), *Lunch on the Hill*, (a twice monthly meal and fellowship event with Seniors) and *Friends and Fun* (a twice weekly sessions for preschool and caregivers using music, movement, playtime and conversation programme).

We have moved forward in developing informal meet and greet spaces for established Parishioners to follow-up with newcomers (both seekers and believers), offering every Sunday after each Service a welcoming morning tea with delicious food and fellowship. Church members are encouraged to invite newcomers to go with them to the morning tea following the Service. It has to be noted that these fellowship opportunities are popular, some conversations around the tables at Holy Trinity continue on into early afternoon, even after the dishes have been done and tablecloths taken away.

We acknowledge that the total number of Parishioners, remains fairly constant, as the newcomers barely replace those who have moved on to another neighbourhood, to another Church, and those who have sadly passed away, during the year.

Jesus tells us that *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few* (Matthew 9:37). There is certainly an abundance of souls in our neighbourhood who need to receive the Gospel and our Parish workforce is definitely challenged in numbers. However, Jesus went on to say. *"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest"* (Matthew 9:38). So as a Parish we will continue to pray to the Lord of the Harvest, for more workers, effective harvesting tools and a field of crop with listening ears.

1. **What signs of Healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?**

Gratefully we do have some clear signs of healthy growth happening in our Parish. Our various gatherings such as Home Groups, Prayer Groups, Vestry, Wardens and Church Staff meetings, Friends and Fun, Lunch on the Hill, Music Ministry, Christmas and Easter Services, AAW and Friendship Groups continue to deepen their commitment to engaging with Scripture and Prayer. The current Sermon Series Theme is often used as a guide, using a previous Sunday's bible readings.

Home Groups-

- **Spiritual growth** - Group members report a now deeper understanding of Scriptural truths, through the additional studies of recent sermons and discussions.
- **Deepening relationships** - Group leadership report deepening relationships of members supporting each other with prayer, encouragement and fellowship as they share meals and conversation together and learn new skills from each other.
- **Pastoral Care** - Individual members learn to pastorally care for each other and as a group embrace new members.

Friends and Fun pre-school Ministry-

- **Community connection** - is growing as the two sessions each week during term time, become wider known.
- **Evangelism** - preschool children are introduced to Bible stories by way of song, props, actions, and role playing. The children and care givers experience being prayed for.
- **Fellowship** - growing relationship across different age ranges e. g. pre- schoolers, young parents, grandparents, caregivers and our own paid and volunteer staff.

Lunch on the Hill Ministry (LOH)

- **Community connection -** between nearby Age Concern clients, Rest Home residents, and those that live alone, connecting with our Parish at the two sessions of LOH each month become wider known. The number of diners is growing.
- **Servanthood of Parishioners** - is developing as Parish volunteers organise themselves into teams made up of cooks, kitchen staff and table conversation volunteers, and learn the skills required.
- **Evangelism** - A mini sermon is preached at each session with questions given as discussion starters. Prayer of thanksgiving is given for the meal.
- **Fellowship** - Developing a community of diners together with Church volunteers. For many this is the only time during the week that the diners eat with others.

Music Ministry-

- **Spiritual structure –** The Music Worship leader liaises with Vicar to match Sermon Themes with appropriate songs and hymns to be used throughout each Sermon Series. Each worship team is fully supported with information as to theme and music for their week.
- **Servanthood -** We have been blessed to have an increasing number of musicians volunteering to join the music worship teams.

Prayer Ministry-

- **After Church Service prayer team** - personal one on one prayer is offered for anyone who requests it following Church Services.
- **Prayer for the Parish** - a group meets monthly to pray for the Parish and its needs.
- **Prayer Cards** - a monthly prayer card is available to all Parishioners to guide their personal daily intercessions each month.
- **Prayer Guides** - each week there are printed prayer suggestions on pew sheets and weekly email to help guide Parishioner's daily prayers.

**2. What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)**

During the past year sadly, a pruning of Choral Ministry in our Parish happened, when the Choir leader and the lead organist decided that its members needed to consider laying down this ministry mainly due to declining numbers, and declining health. The Choir after consideration collectively agreed that this ministry had come to a natural end. A special Thanksgiving Service with the Choir ministering, was held on August 17th 2025 at Holy Trinity to honour the many Choristers who had served our congregations over many decades. This was a painful farewell to a beloved ministry in the more traditional Church Services and a number of Parishioners remain sad to experience worship without a choir. However, we must remember that God's work is never confined to one form or one ministry. Just as music can change key and still be beautiful, so too can our worship evolve and flourish in new ways.

**3. Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil?**

The Vestry had a Strategic Planning Day in February and formulated some focussed strategies that we plan to investigate**:**

**Fellowship**

- As we have identified that Parishioners are enthusiastic to stay on in our hall to fellowship following the 10.30am Services, we see this as "good soil" to plant into: so we recently held a popular Soup & Bread Rolls lunch with 60 Parishioners in attendance. We will continue with lunches to extend our fellowship times. We could try various themes e.g. Pizza lunch, Bring a Picnic lunch and a blanket (sit out on Church greenspace), Make your own sandwich/wrap lunch.
- Organise a few old fashioned "belonging events" - Guess who is coming to dinner, newcomers' lunch, games nights, family movie night etc.
- Develop a buddy system so that each newcomer is paired up with an established Parishioner for contact and friendship.

**Outreach**

- We need to recruit and train more Volunteers for existing outreach Ministries - Friends and Fun and Lunch on the Hill.
- We could arrange an event to invite *Friends and Fun* families to e.g. Messy Church, a meal with Church families, a film afternoon, Decorate a Cookie, Facepainting.
- Develop an equipping program for Church members to be able to share the Good News of Jesus.
- Near the end of year, Vestry will have a follow-up session to the strategic Planning Day to decide which Evangelistic programmes and events will have priority for 2027.

**Conclusion**

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and the steadfast commitment to the Lord, of our Parishioners. Through both challenges and blessings, we have sought to serve with humility, courage, and hope, always mindful of our shared mission in Christ. Looking ahead, we are committed to keep travelling on the journey of regeneration and revitalization of spiritual growth in our Parish and extending Christ's love within and beyond our parish. May God's grace lead us faithfully into the year to come.

The Vestry of Richmond Parish, Holy Trinity Richmond & St Alban's Appleby

# WAIMEA

## Ministry Overview

As I write this report, I have been Vicar of Waimea Parish for six months. It has been a real joy to return to parish ministry and become part of such a faithful and welcoming community.

I am deeply grateful for the ministry of Paul Milton over the past six years. His heart for local mission and evangelism has shaped a parish that is open to reaching its community and receptive to exploring new opportunities for ministry. I have also been incredibly thankful for the support of our parish leadership, particularly Susie Shriver, whose knowledge and care for the parish have been invaluable, Peter Ross for his faithful ministry and friendship, and our dedicated Vestry, who share a genuine desire to see the parish flourish.

## Healthy Shoots

One of the most encouraging signs of healthy growth has been the increasing presence of children in our worshipping community. It probably helps that the new Vicar arrived with a ready-made family, so I have shamelessly used my own children to improve the parish demographics! Their presence has helped foster a more intergenerational culture, particularly at our 10.00am service. We are seeing children increasingly involved through readings, prayers, and other parts of worship, and I am excited to see that continue to grow well beyond my own family's contribution.

More broadly, I have been encouraged by the depth of faith within the congregation and the willingness of people to embrace opportunities for mission, discipleship, and service.

## Pruning

One of the significant areas of discernment this year has been the future of our Sunday Live evening congregation. After many years of fruitful ministry, the leadership team had become understandably tired, and it became clear that a season of renewal was needed.

Following a period of consultation, facilitated by Phil Greenwood, we made the decision to pause Sunday Live for one term. During that time, those involved gathered for weekly discipleship and formation, providing space for rest, reflection, and spiritual renewal. This proved to be a deeply encouraging and restorative season for those involved.

## Planting New Seeds

As Sunday Live begins again, we'll gather around a meal at 5.00pm before moving into Evening Prayer at 6.15pm in St Paul's Chapel. The chapel has only really been used once or twice a year for funerals and the occasional event, and I really want to focus it as a place of prayer.

The vision is to have the chapel open from sunrise to sunset each Sunday, not just for the parish, but for anyone in our local community who wants a quiet place to pray, reflect, or simply enjoy a space of peace. My hope is that the weekly rhythm of Evening Prayer will become something that forms both the Sunday Live community and anyone else who feels drawn into that space.

This also ties in beautifully with the parish's decision to reroof the church. As we restore the building physically, I can't help but sense that the Holy Spirit is also wanting to bring a deeper restoration within the life of the parish and our local community. It feels like there is something significant about both restoring the roof over the church and creating a renewed place of prayer at the heart of our ministry.

If I'm honest, I hadn't planned on making many changes in my first year. My intention was simply to spend time getting to know the parish and its people. But God seems to be opening doors, and I'm trying to be receptive to where the Holy Spirit is leading. I'm excited to see what this next season brings as we continue seeking to be a healthy church that makes disciples who make disciples.

Rev Brad Wood
Vicar

## WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICTS

As we write this report, we reflect on how many good things have happened in our parish over the past year and give glory to God for His faithfulness and the new things He is doing in our midst.

***What signs of healthy growth ("healthy shoots") have you observed?***

- Appointment of Michael Johnston (MJ) to Wakefield and Districts as a minister in training
- Deaconisation of MJ - 17th May 2026
- Assistance from Phil Greenwood in managing transitions for vestry, wardens and MJ. His knowledge of the workings of the Diocesan office and all things Anglican has been invaluable to us during MJ's coming on board, change in vestry persons and warden changes
- 2 Alpha Courses have been run over the course of the year. These have taken place on Sunday evenings and have been well attended with approximately 50 people attending over the 2 courses. It has been pleasing to see, particularly in the second course, that new Christians and those who are still considering Christianity as a faith attended.
- Pentecost worship evening. This Friday evening was a chance to worship and wait on God. We were fortunate to have the worship band from St Barnabas' church lead us in worship.
- A small group has continued to meet every second Monday evening to pray for Wakefield. This group has included members from all 3 local churches (Spring Grove, Brightwater Anglican and St Johns, Wakefield). There have been opportunities to pray for the needs and seek growth in each of our churches, engage in spiritual warfare for the area, pray over businesses, those in decision making positions, our school, police and fire services and to pray in God's will and presence into Wakefield. It has been special to be united across churches to pray for Jesus in Wakefield, regardless of our denominations.
- Unity between churches in the area (Wakefield, Spring Grove & Brightwater). This has been seen not only in our prayer group but also in combined church events: Mainly Music, Pentecost evening, Advent Outreach community event, Easter event and still more shared events are planned for this year.
- New Christian attending church for the first time and continuing to come back each week as well as joining in the Alpha Course. It has been encouraging to see how the church has welcomed and engaged with this lady in particular and gather around her every week.
- Return of mature Christians to church services and involving themselves in the life of the church.

- Growing/developing relationships between church members as evidenced by everyone wanting to linger over tea and passing the peace! Relationships are deepening between church members.
- New newsletter format which is resulting in more attention being paid to alerting/inviting people to what is going on in our church. There is a greater focus on developing our church community through engaging content and connection.
- Physical improvements to our infrastructure (e.g. addition of a heat pump in lounge; new computer system). These systems enhance what we have and help make our space warmer and more comfortable and enable administrative tasks to become easier across the board.
- Increased giving to the church finances
- Increase in our giving from the church income to include a monthly donation to Bishopdale College
- Increased interaction at our regular Wakefield Homestead service. As residents come to see MJ and the team regularly, there is improved participation and attendance at these services.
- St Peter's church in Tapawera, whilst not hosting services at this stage, is increasingly being used by the community for Tapawera Connect events. Leaders of this team have attended alpha and are developing connections with the wider Wakefield parish.
- Nicola Berthelsen's Eldercare ministry - she's awesome at fostering relationships and witnessing to her folk. She is a wonderful witness and records many godly opportunities she has in her interactions.
- Wonderful tenants in the vicarage who have not only cared beautifully for the property but their rent has enabled us to fund a couple of roles for our church activities.
- The Opshop at Murchison has continued to fund ministry programmes and the church continues to meet under the leadership of Michele and Lance Howley

***What needs to be pruned (John 15:2)—that is, what may need to stop, change, or be let go of in order to foster greater health and fruitfulness?***

As our parish moves from a church that has been faithfully 'care- take-red' by committed Christians (whilst without a permanent vicar), we are now moving into a new season with a committed minister in training and there is the opportunity for a new vision for the church. As we move into new waters (so to speak) we need to sift through what has always been done and prune the ideas that no longer fit the new vision we are developing. This requires not only careful discernment by leadership but also bravery to make changes and at the same time, take the congregation along on God's journey.

***Where do you see opportunities to plant new seeds in good soil? What new initiatives, collaboration, or ministries may God be calling you to cultivate?***

It has become apparent to us that we need to set a vision for how and in which areas God wants us to grow the church in the coming year.

With this in mind, vestry and a number of key people in the church will be participating in a Wayfinder course in September, in order to discern God's vision for the year ahead.

Areas we would like to grow in (but these could be refined after the Wayfinder day) include:

- Increase the number of weekly cell groups meeting within the church body to accommodate a growing congregation.
- Identify musicians to build a worship team to lead worship at services.
- Consolidate and build effective evangelisation opportunities into the outreach events we have started in the local area (e.g. Advent Community outreach event in Faulkner's Bush) and identify new ways of reaching the local community.
- Building teams within our church to support leaders, develop a sense of belonging/responsibility and share the load of church activities.
- Consider starting a youth group as there is nothing currently in the area for local youth.
- Develop our Sunday School team so we have something meaningful to offer families with children
- Build a team to identify opportunities to utilise the Old St Johns church. It is a special building and could be used in many more ways to engage with the community (as well as raise funds for its upkeep). We need to see it as an opportunity not just as an expense!

We are excited to see what the next year holds in store for us in the Wakefield and Districts parish.

Yours faithfully

Michael Johnston (Deacon in Training), Bo (Bishop's Warden) and Andrea (People's Warden)

## SECTION FOUR – FINANCIAL REPORTS

# DIOCESE OF NELSON

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

# Diocese of Nelson
# (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

## Financial Statements

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## SUSTENTATION FUND

# Diocese Of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

## *Sustentation Account*

In accordance with Section 8 of the Sustentation Fund Act, the following report is presented:

Statement of Movements in Parish Ministry Debt
For the Year ended 31st December 2025

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|---|---|---|
| Income and Receipts | | |
| Parish Contributions | 2,343,618 | 2,248,384 |
| Trust Income - Stipend Trusts | 28,335 | 41,738 |
| - Vehicle Trusts | 12,148 | 12,369 |
| - Other Trusts | 58,677 | 106,621 |
| Population and Development Grants | 190,132 | 206,965 |
| Assistants Under Training Grants | 15,775 | 74,322 |
| Elder Care Grants | 283,766 | 288,608 |
| Total Income | 2,932,450 | 2,979,007 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Stipends, Salaries, Wages | 2,179,056 | 2,157,192 |
| Pensions | 86,288 | 90,879 |
| Allowances | 19,144 | 28,798 |
| Mileage Allowances | 30,472 | 39,830 |
| Housing Allowances | 83,124 | 95,076 |
| Accident & Sickness Insurance | 32,716 | 34,886 |
| Diocesan Funds (Assessments) | 135,682 | 123,202 |
| Removal Costs | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance Premiums (net) | 368,073 | 407,776 |
| Parish Reserve Funds | | 0 |
| Total Expenditure | 2,934,555 | 2,977,640 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | (2,105) | 1,366 |
| Opening Balance | (21,347) | (22,713) |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | (2,105) | 1,366 |
| Closing Balance | (23,451) | (21,347) |
| Parish Quota | 27,074 | 21,751 |
| Balances | | |
| Parish Quota Debtors | | |
| Parish Quota Creditors | (405) | (405) |
| Net Parish Quota as per statement of Financial Position | 26,669 | 21,346 |

## CALL AND PERMANENT TRUSTS

| Trust No | Orgn | Account Name | Opening Balance | Interest | Deposits | Withdrawal | Closing Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 810009 | **Diocese** | **Development Fund** | 210,357 | 10,004 | - | - | 220,361 |
| 811009 | **Diocese** | **TTRC Funds** | 8,078 | 384 | - | - | 8,462 |
| 812009 | **Diocese** | **Training Fund** | 516 | 25 | - | - | 540 |
| 813009 | **Diocese** | **Mae & Betty Sherratt Ch. Trt** | 87,955 | 4,190 | 31,800 | 39,501 | 84,444 |
| 814009 | **Diocese** | **Bishopdale Chapel Fund** | 8,332 | 396 | - | - | 8,729 |
| 814089 | **Diocese** | **Cath. Fabric Repair - Dean Trt** | 648,798 | 22,218 | 43,518 | 303,603 | 410,931 |
| 815009 | **Diocese** | **Emerging Leaders- Clgy Fund** | 80,397 | 2,735 | 20,007 | 54,664 | 48,476 |
| 823009 | **Diocese** | **Property Maint. Reserve** | 166,593 | 6,540 | - | 49,371 | 123,761 |
| 824009 | **Diocese** | **Income Reserve** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 828009 | **Diocese** | **Godwin Charitable Trust** | 11,140 | 477 | 3,200 | 3,023 | 11,794 |
| 844009 | **Diocese** | **Bishopdale College** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 858009 | **Diocese** | **Companion Diocese Fund** | 22,090 | 1,050 | - | - | 23,140 |
| 867009 | **Diocese** | **Estate EJ Dobson - Archives** | 2,248 | 107 | - | - | 2,354 |
| 868009 | **Diocese** | **Estate A Mead** | 328,954 | 15,643 | - | - | 344,598 |
| 871009 | **Diocese** | **Seamens Mission Chapl. Fd** | 10,058 | 478 | - | - | 10,536 |
| 876009 | **Diocese** | **Anglican Care Trust** | 13,323 | 634 | - | - | 13,956 |
| | **Diocese Total** | | 1,598,838 | 64,881 | 98,525 | 450,163 | 1,312,082 |
| 802029 | **All Saints** | **All Saints All Purpose Fd** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 804029 | **All Saints** | **All Saints Loaves & Fishes** | 35,623 | 1,694 | - | - | 37,317 |
| 805029 | **All Saints** | **Doug Tibble Organ Tuition** | 2,163 | 78 | - | 1,200 | 1,041 |
| 820029 | **All Saints** | **M Tibble Youth Work Trust** | 53,273 | 2,533 | 3,083 | 3,083 | 55,806 |
| | **All Saints Total** | | 91,059 | 4,305 | 3,083 | 4,283 | 94,164 |
| 803049 | **Atawhai** | **Atawhai Vicarage Amenities** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 811049 | **Atawhai** | **General Purpose Trust** | 22,920 | 178 | - | 20,000 | 3,099 |
| 812049 | **Atawhai** | **General Purpose Trust No. 2** | 16,231 | 775 | 100 | - | 17,106 |
| 816049 | **Atawhai** | **St Johns Hira Building Fund** | 7,630 | 359 | - | 142 | 7,847 |
| | **Atawhai Total** | | 46,782 | 1,312 | 100 | 20,142 | 28,052 |
| 802059 | **Awatere** | **Awatere Maintenance Fund** | 12,248 | 331 | 2,400 | 8,568 | 6,411 |
| 804059 | **Awatere** | **Awatere General Fund** | 230,309 | 10,860 | - | 14,000 | 227,169 |
| 811059 | **Awatere** | **Kekerengu Church Account** | 40,602 | 1,878 | - | 3,761 | 38,719 |
| 814059 | **Awatere** | **Sale Clifford St Section** | 4,936 | 235 | - | - | 5,171 |
| 821059 | **Awatere** | **St Andrews Church Trt** | 15,519 | 727 | 1,261 | 2,300 | 15,206 |
| 822059 | **Awatere** | **Awatere Parish Nurse Fund** | 11,807 | 561 | - | - | 12,368 |
| | **Awatere Total** | | 315,421 | 14,592 | 3,661 | 28,629 | 305,044 |
| 802069 | **Blenheim** | **Blenheim Building Maint.** | 86,193 | 3,198 | - | 21,644 | 67,748 |
| 811069 | **Blenheim** | **Blenheim General Purpose Fd** | 226,684 | 11,689 | 35,000 | - | 273,373 |
| 820069 | **Blenheim** | **Nativity Development Trust** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 826069 | **Blenheim** | **White Homes** | 292 | 14 | - | - | 306 |
| 827069 | **Blenheim** | **White Windows** | 54,443 | 2,716 | - | 7,982 | 52,232 |
| 829069 | **Blenheim** | **B Bruce Bequest** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 830069 | **Blenheim** | **Mogridge Trust** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 831069 | **Blenheim** | **K N Reardon Bequest** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 832069 | **Blenheim** | **Nativity Courts Maintenance** | 62 | 3 | - | - | 65 |
| 833069 | **Blenheim** | **Nativity Kids** | 54,338 | 2,637 | 1,778 | - | 58,753 |
| 834069 | **Blenheim** | **Nativity Bldg. Redev. Call Trust** | 416 | 20 | - | - | 436 |
| 837069 | **Blenheim** | **Blen Fundraising Committee** | 28 | 10 | 4,246 | - | 4.284 |
| | **Blenheim Total** | | 425,456 | 20,286 | 41,024 | 29,571 | 457,195 |

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| 804079 | **Cathedral** | **Cathedral General Fund** | 125,551 | 7,717 | 145,000 | 144,377 | 133,891 |
| 805079 | **Cathedral** | **Cathedral Specific Trust Fnds** | 2,292 | 396 | 12,000 | - | 14,688 |
| 823079 | **Cathedral** | **Nile St Rent Account** | 27 | 1 | 22,150 | 22,150 | 28 |
| 828079 | **Cathedral** | **Insurance Liability Trust** | 18,468 | 385 | 6,000 | 20,204 | 4,649 |
| 834079 | **Cathedral** | **Deanery Trust - Vicarage** | 128,025 | 6,019 | 4,584 | 12,740 | 125,888 |
| 844079 | **Cathedral** | **Memorial Garden Reserve** | 471 | 34 | 330 | - | 835 |
| 845079 | **Cathedral** | **Cathedral RM Williams Trust** | 409,693 | 19,481 | - | 1,097 | 428,077 |
| 846079 | **Cathedral** | **Cathedral EQ Strength. Fund** | 278,743 | 13,370 | 5,500 | - | 297,614 |
| | **Cathedral Total** | | 963,269 | 47,404 | 195,564 | 200,568 | 1,005,669 |
| 804099 | **Cobden** | **Cobden/Runanga Specific Fnds** | 94,394 | 4,393 | 1,746 | 3,865 | 96,668 |
| | **Cobden Total** | | 94,394 | 4,393 | 1,746 | 3,865 | 96,668 |
| 803109 | **Golden Bay** | **G/ Bay Vicarage Amenities** | 98 | 5 | - | - | 102 |
| 811109 | **Golden Bay** | **G/Bay Building Maintenance** | 500 | 24 | - | - | 524 |
| 812109 | **Golden Bay** | **Estate KJ Riley** | 204 | 10 | - | - | 213 |
| 813109 | **Golden Bay** | **Estate AM Lindsay** | 77 | 4 | - | - | 81 |
| 815109 | **Golden Bay** | **Collingwood Church Fund** | 719 | 34 | - | - | 753 |
| 819109 | **Golden Bay** | **General Reserve Fund** | 200,075 | 10,190 | 20,000 | - | 230,265 |
| 820109 | **Golden Bay** | **Ives** | 90 | 4 | - | - | 95 |
| 823109 | **Golden Bay** | **Esme Wright (G/Bay) Bequest** | 57 | 3 | - | - | 59 |
| 825109 | **Golden Bay** | **Thomas Theol. Literature Trst** | 79 | 4 | - | - | 83 |
| | **Golden Bay Total** | | 201,900 | 10,277 | 20,000 | - | 232,176 |
| 801119 | **Buller** | **Youth/Children Ministry Fd** | 33,372 | 1,485 | - | 6,000 | 28,857 |
| 802119 | **Buller** | **Buller Building Maintenance** | 12,739 | 749 | 6,000 | - | 19,488 |
| 803119 | **Buller** | **Buller Vicarage Amenities** | 2,608 | 153 | 1,200 | - | 3,960 |
| 804119 | **Buller** | **Buller Music Fund** | 1,565 | 74 | - | - | 1,640 |
| 806119 | **Buller** | **Vicars Discretionary Fund** | 768 | 37 | - | - | 805 |
| 807119 | **Buller** | **Granity - St Peter's Past. Care** | 9,613 | 193 | 3,346 | 7,334 | 5,818 |
| 808119 | **Buller** | **Vicars Discretionary Fund** | 4 | 0 | - | - | 5 |
| | **Buller Total** | | 60,670 | 2,691 | 10,546 | 13,334 | 60,573 |
| 803129 | **Greymouth** | **Kumara Repairs & Maint. Fnd** | 2,687 | 101 | - | 1,454 | 1,335 |
| 820129 | **Greymouth** | **Choir Trust** | 2,522 | 120 | - | - | 2,641 |
| 822129 | **Greymouth** | **Holy Trinity Term Deposits** | 112,207 | 5,422 | 141,641 | 90,694 | 168,576 |
| | **Greymouth Total** | | 117,415 | 5,644 | 141,641 | 92,148 | 172,553 |
| 802139 | **Havelock** | **Havelock Building Maintenance** | 4,434 | 577 | 89,191 | - | 94,203 |
| 803139 | **Havelock** | **Havelock Vicarage Amenities** | 1,265 | 67 | 887 | - | 2,218 |
| 811139 | **Havelock** | **Crail Bay Trees Endowment** | 6,018 | 286 | - | - | 6,305 |
| 812139 | **Havelock** | **Youth Ministries Endowment** | 5,458 | 251 | - | 514 | 5,195 |
| 815139 | **Havelock** | **St Mark's Building Fund** | 810 | 39 | - | - | 849 |
| 817139 | **Havelock** | **St Lukes Building Maintenance** | 1,838 | 87 | - | - | 1,925 |
| 818139 | **Havelock** | **Havelock General-purpose Fnd** | 79,385 | 4,158 | 14,756 | - | 98,299 |
| | **Havelock Total** | | 99,208 | 5,466 | 104,834 | 514 | 208,994 |
| 802149 | **Kaikoura** | **Kaikoura Blding Maintenance** | 7,222 | 358 | 600 | - | 8,180 |
| 811149 | **Kaikoura** | **Kaikoura General Purpose Fd** | 3,562 | 169 | - | - | 3,731 |
| 813149 | **Kaikoura** | **Clarence Bridge Chapel Fund** | 4,658 | 222 | - | - | 4,879 |
| 816149 | **Kaikoura** | **MacDonald A Bequest** | 3,882 | 185 | - | - | 4,067 |
| 817149 | **Kaikoura** | **Stipend Provision Account** | 36,557 | 1,738 | - | - | 38,295 |
| | **Kaikoura Total** | | 55,881 | 2,672 | 600 | - | 59,153 |

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| 815159 | **Motueka** | **Motueka Vicarage Maintenance** | 459 | 36 | 600 | - | 1,095 |
| 816159 | **Motueka** | **St Thomas' General Purpose** | 78 | 4 | - | - | 81 |
| 818159 | **Motueka** | **Vicar's Discretionary Account** | 223 | 11 | - | - | 233 |
| 822159 | **Motueka** | **Margaret Ruth Thomas Bequest** | 30 | 1 | - | - | 31 |
| 823159 | **Motueka** | **Youth Fund** | 38 | 2 | - | - | 40 |
| 824159 | **Motueka** | **St Thomas Preservation & Maint** | 465 | 36 | 600 | - | 1,102 |
| 826159 | **Motueka** | **Motueka Technology Fund** | 1,106 | 67 | 500 | - | 1,673 |
| 827159 | **Motueka** | **Motueka Missions Fund** | 1,184 | 76 | 1,980 | 1,500 | 1,741 |
| 825159 | **Motueka** | **Vincent Roy Morley Bequest** | 3,408 | 162 | - | - | 3,570 |
| | **Motueka Total** | | 6,990 | 396 | 3,680 | 1,500 | 9,566 |
| 802189 | **Picton** | **Picton Building Fund** | 6,324 | 312 | 480 | - | 7,116 |
| 812189 | **Picton** | **Picton Foodbank** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 814189 | **Picton** | **Koromiko Ladies Guild** | 7,239 | 344 | - | - | 7,583 |
| 815189 | **Picton** | **Koromiko Church Fund** | 22,530 | 1,071 | - | - | 23,602 |
| 818189 | **Picton** | **Picton Fundraising Account** | 3,063 | 146 | - | - | 3,209 |
| 819189 | **Picton** | **Parish Nurse/Pastoral Care Trst** | 3,980 | 189 | - | - | 4,169 |
| 820189 | **Picton** | **Holy Trinity Organ Fund** | 3,506 | 167 | - | - | 3,673 |
| 822189 | **Picton** | **Vicars Discretionary Fund** | 52 | 2 | - | - | 55 |
| 825189 | **Picton** | **Presentational Equipment Fund** | 97 | 5 | - | - | 101 |
| | **Picton Total** | | 46,791 | 2,357 | 480 | - | 49,507 |
| 803199 | **Reefton** | **Reefton Vicarage Amenities** | 110 | 5 | - | - | 116 |
| 804199 | **Reefton** | **Gavin Nalder Memorial Trust** | 2,343 | 111 | - | - | 2,454 |
| 805199 | **Reefton** | **Reefton Specific Funds Trust** | 4,854 | 237 | 321 | - | 5,413 |
| 811199 | **Reefton** | **Reefton Building Maintenance** | 1,075 | 51 | - | - | 1,126 |
| 815199 | **Reefton** | **Organ Repair Fund** | 2,224 | 106 | - | - | 2,330 |
| 818199 | **Reefton** | **Reefton Fundraising Account** | 559 | 27 | - | - | 585 |
| | **Reefton Total** | | 11,165 | 538 | 321 | - | 12,024 |
| 802209 | **Richmond** | **Richmond Building Maintenance** | 22,397 | 1,103 | 7,800 | - | 31,300 |
| 807209 | **Richmond** | **Appleby Building Maintenance** | 7,158 | 340 | - | - | 7,499 |
| 814209 | **Richmond** | **Richmond Building Fund** | 31,698 | 1,646 | 18,208 | - | 51,552 |
| 820209 | **Richmond** | **General Purpose Fund** | 153,111 | 7,155 | 15,500 | 8,000 | 167,766 |
| 823209 | **Richmond** | **Estate AV Simpson** | 4,408 | 210 | - | - | 4,617 |
| 824209 | **Richmond** | **Estate MA Challies** | 6,586 | 313 | - | - | 6,899 |
| 826209 | **Richmond** | **Richmond - Student Ministry Fund** | 10,410 | 560 | 8,897 | 3,250 | 16,617 |
| 825209 | **Richmond** | **Family & Children Ministry** | 2,744 | 48 | - | 2,775 | 16 |
| 827209 | **Richmond** | **Richmond Lay Training Fund** | - | 10 | 5,000 | - | 5,010 |
| | **Richmond Total** | | 238,512 | 11,384 | 55,405 | 14,025 | 291,276 |
| 802219 | **Spring Creek** | **Spring Creek Bldg Maintenance** | 6,136 | 306 | 600 | - | 7,042 |
| 811219 | **Spring Creek** | **Spring Creek Reserve Fund** | 60,884 | 2,493 | 600 | 10,000 | 53,978 |
| | **Spring Creek Total** | | 67,020 | 2,800 | 1,200 | 10,000 | 61,020 |
| 838229 | **Stoke** | **Stoke Specific Trust Funds** | 83,433 | 2,964 | 6,680 | 41,000 | 52,077 |
| | **Stoke Total** | | 83,433 | 2,964 | 6,680 | 41,000 | 52,077 |
| 802239 | **Tahunanui** | **Tahunanui Building Maintenance** | 237 | 11 | - | - | 248 |
| 811239 | **Tahunanui** | **Tahunanui General Purpose Fund** | 1,318 | 68 | 10,000 | 1,318 | 10,068 |
| 814239 | **Tahunanui** | **Children' Worker Fund** | 2,669 | 239 | 35,000 | 2,600 | 35,308 |
| 818239 | **Tahunanui** | **Youth Music Fund** | 1,172 | 56 | - | - | 1,228 |
| 819239 | **Tahunanui** | **Leadership Education Fund** | 681 | 32 | - | - | 681 |
| 820239 | **Tahunanui** | **Vicar and Wardens Discretionary Fund** | 1,010 | 36 | 5,000 | 1,010 | 5,036 |
| 821239 | **Tahunanui** | **Tahunanui Fundraising Trust** | 1,341 | 8 | - | 1,340 | 8 |
| 822239 | **Tahunanui** | **Tahunanui Staff Allowances Fund** | 2,013 | 96 | - | - | 2,108 |
| 823239 | **Tahunanui** | **Vege Stall Funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Tahunanui Total** | | 10,441 | 546 | 50,000 | 6,268 | 54,719 |

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| 802249 | **Waimea** | **Waimea Building Maintenance** | 45,573 | 1,872 | - | 17,326 | 30,118 |
| 803249 | **Waimea** | **Waimea Vicarage Amenities** | 3,473 | 165 | - | - | 3,638 |
| 807249 | **Waimea** | **Waimea Allocated Funds** | 45,131 | 2,146 | - | - | 47,277 |
| 811249 | **Waimea** | **Waimea West Temporary Trust** | 25,539 | 1,214 | - | - | 26,753 |
| 813249 | **Waimea** | **Waimea Parish General Funds** | 40,286 | 1,640 | 2,940 | 11,520 | 33,347 |
| 814249 | **Waimea** | **St Michaels Church Maint.** | 118,178 | 5,178 | - | 17,696 | 105,659 |
| 825249 | **Waimea** | **St Pauls Cemetery Maintenance** | 65,296 | 3,156 | 3,480 | 2,644 | 69,288 |
| | **Waimea Total** | | 343,474 | 15,372 | 6,420 | 49,186 | 316,018 |
| 802259 | **Wairau Valley** | **Wairau Building Maintenance** | 9,611 | 186 | 1,800 | 7,913 | 3,684 |
| 803259 | **Wairau Valley** | **Wairau Valley Vicarage Amenits** | 4,781 | 166 | 1,200 | 3,874 | 2,274 |
| 804259 | **Wairau Valley** | **Wairau Valley Specific Funds** | 5,975 | 403 | 5,443 | 2,000 | 9,822 |
| 812259 | **Wairau Valley** | **Renwick Mission Develop. Fd** | 1,226 | 58 | - | - | 1,284 |
| | **Wairau Valley Total** | | 21,593 | 814 | 8,443 | 13,787 | 17,064 |
| 802269 | **Wakefield** | **Tapawera Building Maintenance** | 20,759 | 987 | - | - | 21,746 |
| 803269 | **Wakefield** | **Wakefield Vicarage Amenities** | 302 | 14 | - | - | 316 |
| 811269 | **Wakefield** | **Murchison Vicarage Fund** | 1,530 | 73 | - | - | 1,602 |
| | **Wakefield Total** | | 22,590 | 1,074 | - | - | 23,664 |
| 801299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **AW Mapp Sunday School** | 2,645 | 126 | - | - | 2,771 |
| 802299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **Blenheim Sth Bldg Maintenance** | 5,331 | 254 | - | - | 5,585 |
| 803299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **Blenheim Sth Bldg Fund** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 811299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **General Reserve** | 153,702 | 9,161 | 80,000 | - | 242,863 |
| 815299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **Darcy Christopher Foundation** | 328 | 16 | - | - | 343 |
| 821299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **The Ron Bell Memorial Trust Fd** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 822299 | **Blenheim Sth** | **Elaine Hadfield Memorial Fund** | 98,219 | 4,671 | - | - | 102,889 |
| | **Blenheim Sth Total** | | 260,225 | 14,227 | 80,000 | - | 354,452 |
| 812309 | **Victory** | **Victory Property Fund** | 528 | 25 | - | - | 553 |
| 813309 | **Victory** | **Victory Building Maintenance Fund** | 5,941 | 149 | 4,200 | 6,200 | 4,090 |
| 815309 | **Victory** | **Victory General Purpose Fund** | 2,731 | 341 | 5,103 | - | 8,175 |
| 822309 | **Victory** | **Victory Children & Families Ministry F** | 9,192 | 426 | 936 | 1,656 | 8,899 |
| 821309 | **Victory** | **Victory Parish Tithe Account** | 50 | 2 | - | - | 52 |
| | **Victory Total** | | 18,443 | 944 | 10,239 | 7,856 | 21,770 |
| 802319 | **Mapua** | **Mapua Building Maintenance** | 25,576 | 1,216 | - | - | 26,793 |
| | **Mapua Total** | | 25,576 | 1,216 | - | - | 26,793 |
| 823509 | **Dio** | **Utterson-Kelso Bequest** | 43,441 | 2,206 | 13,761 | - | 59,408 |
| | **Diocese Total** | | 43,441 | 2,206 | 13,761 | - | 59,408 |
| 810569 | **BTC** | **BTC Call Funds** | 96,156 | 4,432 | 482,000 | 431,500 | 96,156 |
| | **BTC Total** | | 96,156 | 4,432 | 482,000 | 431,500 | 96,156 |
| 801579 | **Seafarers** | **Port Nelson Mission To Seafarers** | 7,261 | 345 | - | - | 7,606 |
| | **Seafarers Total** | | 7,261 | 345 | - | - | 7,606 |
| 702709 | **Night Shelter** | **Night shelter Trustees** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 703709 | **Night Shelter** | **Night shelter Committee** | - | - | - | - | - |
| 704709 | **Night Shelter** | **Night shelter Committee Leave Fund** | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Night Shelter Total** | | - | - | - | - | - |

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| **Grand Total** | 5,373,404 | 245,419 | 1,339,954 | 1,418,338 | 5,540,439 |
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| **Parishes** | 3,602,132 | 172,336 | 745,668 | 536,676 | 3,983,460 |
| **Diocese** | 1,642,279 | 67,087 | 112,286 | 450,163 | 1,371,490 |
| **BTC** | 96,156 | 4,435 | 482,000 | 431,500 | 151,091 |
| **Total Group Trusts** | 5,340,566 | 243,858 | 1,339,954 | 1,418,338 | 5,506,040 |
| | | | | | |
| **Mapua** | 25,576 | 1,216 | - | - | 26,793 |
| **Port Mission to Seafarers** | 7,261 | 345 | - | - | 7,606 |
| **Non Group Trusts** | 32,838 | 1,562 | - | - | 34,399 |
| | | | | | |
| **Total Call Trusts** | 5,373,404 | 245,419 | 1,339,954 | 1,418,338 | 5,540,439 |

## NELSON DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD CALL TRUST MOVEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2025

| Trust No | Organ. | | Account Name | Opening Balance | Interest | Deposits | Withdrawal | Closing Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 916007 | Diocese | Capital | Anglican Care Marlborough | 12,241 | - | - | 164 | 12,077 |
| 916008 | Diocese | Income | Anglican Care Marlborough - Income | 3,272 | 706 | - | - | 3,978 |
| 908007 | Diocese | Capital | Archdeaconry Fund | 17,002 | - | - | 228 | 16,773 |
| 908008 | Diocese | Income | Archdeaconry Fund | 0 | 748 | - | 748 | 0 |
| 903007 | Diocese | Capital | Bishopric Endowment Fund | 1,057,542 | - | 16,018 | 14,208 | 1,059,352 |
| 903008 | Diocese | Income | Bishopric Endowment Fund | 741 | 46,535 | - | 46,532 | 743 |
| 953007 | Diocese | Capital | Deanery Trust | 625,368 | - | - | 8,402 | 616,967 |
| 953008 | Diocese | Income | Deanery Trust – Income | 501 | 28,176 | 51,913 | 80,089 | 501 |
| 911007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocese General Endowment Fund | 1,323,745 | - | - | 17,784 | 1,305,961 |
| 911008 | Diocese | Income | Diocese General Endowment Fund | 1 | 58,245 | - | 58,245 | 1 |
| 957007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Acc/Sick End. Fund | 136,864 | - | - | 1,839 | 135,025 |
| 957008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Acc/Sick End. Fd -Inc | 41,564 | 8,132 | - | - | 49,695 |
| 968007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Clergy Educational Tr | 204,576 | - | - | 2,748 | 201,828 |
| 968008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Clergy Educational Tr | 17,955 | 9,902 | - | 16,200 | 11,657 |
| 956007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Fire Insurance Act Fd | 407,083 | - | - | 5,469 | 401,614 |
| 956008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Fire Insurance Act Fd | 2,555 | 17,986 | 32 | 18,554 | 2,018 |
| 913007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Ministry Housing Fund | 329,438 | - | - | 4,426 | 325,012 |
| 913008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Ministry Housing Fund -Income | 1 | 14,495 | - | 14,495 | 1 |
| 909007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Removal Fund | 385,729 | - | - | 5,182 | 380,546 |
| 909008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Removal Fund - Income | 91,930 | 21,719 | - | - | 113,649 |
| 960007 | Diocese | Capital | Diocesan Trust | 8,556,648 | - | - | 114,957 | 8,441,691 |
| 960008 | Diocese | Income | Diocesan Trust - Income | 8 | 376,493 | - | 376,493 | 8 |
| 980007 | Diocese | Capital | Endres Estate Trust | 188,504 | - | 2,970 | 2,533 | 188,942 |
| 980008 | Diocese | Income | Endres Estate Trust Income | 73,491 | 11,881 | - | 12,704 | 72,668 |
| 904007 | Diocese | Capital | Episcopal International Travel (Lambeth) | 65,551 | - | - | 881 | 64,670 |
| 904008 | Diocese | Income | Episcopal International Travel (Lambeth) | 35,778 | 4,649 | - | - | 40,428 |
| 917007 | Diocese | Capital | Esme Wright Bequest | 809,874 | - | - | 10,881 | 798,994 |
| 917008 | Diocese | Income | Esme Wright Bequest - Income | - | 35,634 | - | 35,634 | 0 |
| 906007 | Diocese | Capital | FCM Diocesan School Trust | 2,580,011 | - | - | 34,662 | 2,545,349 |
| 906008 | Diocese | Income | FCM Diocesan School Trt - Inc | 3 | 113,520 | - | 113,520 | 3 |
| 907007 | Diocese | Capital | FCM Mission Trust | 95,469 | - | - | 1,283 | 94,186 |
| 907008 | Diocese | Income | FCM Mission Trust - Income | 78,222 | 7,867 | - | 6,970 | 79,119 |
| 923007 | Diocese | Capital | FCM Sunday School | 14,107 | - | - | 190 | 13,918 |
| 923008 | Diocese | Income | FCM Sunday School - Income | 12,843 | 1,216 | 1 | 1,206 | 12,855 |
| 921007 | Diocese | Capital | FCM Van & Boat Fund | 31,523 | - | - | 424 | 31,099 |
| 921008 | Diocese | Income | FCM Van & Boat Fund - Income | 20,782 | 2,406 | - | - | 23,188 |
| 967007 | Diocese | Capital | Fitchett IE Chapter Mem. Fund | 19,102 | - | - | 257 | 18,845 |
| 967008 | Diocese | Income | Fitchett IE Ch/Mem Fd - Income | 17,276 | 1,680 | - | - | 18,955 |
| 900007 | Diocese | Capital | General Purposes Funds | 9,347,795 | - | - | 125,586 | 9,222,209 |
| 900008 | Diocese | Income | General Purposes Funds Inc | 9 | 411,303 | - | 411,303 | 9 |
| 978007 | Diocese | Capital | Graham Marlborough Deanery Fnd | 75,986 | - | - | 1,021 | 74,965 |
| 978008 | Diocese | Income | Marlborough Deanery Income | 44,516 | 5,534 | - | - | 50,050 |
| 918007 | Diocese | Capital | Hobhouse Trust | 1,017,047 | - | - | 13,664 | 1,003,383 |
| 918008 | Diocese | Income | Hobhouse Trust - Income | 1 | 44,750 | | 44,750 | 1 |
| 996007 | Diocese | Capital | Home Mission Endowment Fund | 487,502 | - | 1,124 | 6,550 | 482,076 |
| 996008 | Diocese | Income | Home Mission Endowment Fund | 21,858 | 22,476 | - | 21,501 | 22,833 |
| 901537 | Diocese | Capital | Hospital Chaplain Endowment | 449,629 | - | - | 6,041 | 443,588 |
| 901538 | Diocese | Income | Hospital Chaplain Endowment | 84,739 | 23,877 | 120 | 15,720 | 93,016 |
| 912007 | Diocese | Capital | Isel Property | 673,454 | - | - | 9,048 | 664,406 |
| 912008 | Diocese | Income | Isel Property Income | 218,779 | 40,250 | - | 17,846 | 241,184 |
| 927007 | Diocese | Capital | John & Hazel Baigent Trust | 587,896 | - | - | 7,898 | 579,997 |
| 927008 | Diocese | Income | John & Hazel Baigent Trust | 343,111 | 42,083 | 1,362 | 38,313 | 348,242 |
| 955200 | Diocese | Capital | Land Trust Funds | 950,000 | - | - | - | 950,000 |
| 959007 | Diocese | Capital | Mission Committee Expenses End | 6,886 | - | - | 93 | 6,794 |
| 959008 | Diocese | Income | Mission Committee Exps Income | 6,649 | 626 | - | - | 7,275 |
| 914007 | Diocese | Capital | Motueka School Acre | 1,343,936 | - | - | 18,056 | 1,325,881 |
| 914008 | Diocese | Income | Motueka School Acre Trt - Inc | 1 | 59,133 | - | 59,133 | 2 |
| 915007 | Diocese | Capital | Older Persons Ministry Fund | 5,197,849 | - | - | 69,832 | 5,128,017 |
| 915008 | Diocese | Income | Older Persons Ministry Fund Income | 337,781 | 242,736 | - | 300,723 | 279,794 |
| 998007 | Diocese | Capital | Sabbatical Leave Fund | 398,752 | - | - | 5,357 | 393,395 |
| 998008 | Diocese | Income | Sabbatical Leave Fund | 60,073 | 20,513 | - | 10,636 | 69,950 |
| 958007 | Diocese | Capital | The Witness Trust | 12,082 | - | - | 162 | 11,920 |
| 958008 | Diocese | Income | The Witness Trust | 0 | 532 | - | 532 | 0 |
| 920007 | Diocese | Capital | Theological Tutorship Fund | 149,486 | - | - | 2,008 | 147,478 |
| 920008 | Diocese | Income | Theological Tutorship Fund | - | 6,577 | - | 6,577 | 0 |
| 913517 | Diocese | Capital | Whakarewa Trust for Social Svc | 1,550,400 | - | - | 20,829 | 1,529,571 |
| 913518 | Diocese | Income | Whakarewa Trust for Social Svc | 165,855 | 75,800 | 9,683 | 85,447 | 165,891 |
| 901507 | Diocese | Capital | Whareama Endowment Bequests | 3,553,107 | - | - | 47,735 | 3,505,371 |
| 901508 | Diocese | Income | Whareama Endowment Bequests | 1,188,892 | 215,180 | 21,000 | 61,435 | 1,363,637 |
| 902007 | Diocese | Capital | Youthwork Endowment Trusts | 296,794 | - | - | 3,987 | 292,807 |
| 902008 | Diocese | Income | Youthwork Endowment Trusts | 0 | 13,059 | - | 13,059 | 0 |
| | Diocese Total | | | 45,827,164 | 1,986,420 | 104,223 | 2,432,750 | 45,485,057 |

| Trust No | Orgn | | Account Name | Opening Balance | Interest | Deposits | Withdrawal | Closing Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 901027 | All Saints | Capital | All Saints General Endowment | 727,676 | - | - | 9,776 | 717,900 |
| 901028 | All Saints | Income | All Saints General Endowment | 91,571 | 35,563 | - | 21,600 | 106,534 |
| 904027 | All Saints | Capital | All Saints Sunday School Endmt | 8,125 | - | - | 109 | 8,016 |
| 904028 | All Saints | Income | All Saints Sunday School Endmt | 12,524 | 961 | - | - | 13,485 |
| 917027 | All Saints | Capital | Esme Wright (All Saints) Bequest | 78,208 | - | - | 1,051 | 77,157 |
| 917028 | All Saints | Income | Esme Wright (All Saints) Bequest - Incom | 13,838 | 4,175 | - | - | 18,013 |
| 916027 | All Saints | Capital | JE & MI Mills General Endowmnt | 27,612 | - | - | 371 | 27,241 |
| 916028 | All Saints | Income | JE & MI Mills Trust | 28,478 | 2,596 | - | - | 31,074 |
| 912027 | All Saints | Capital | Tibble Organ Mtce Endowment | 31,518 | - | - | 423 | 31,095 |
| 912028 | All Saints | Income | Tibble Organ Mtce Endowment | 31,759 | 2,911 | - | 857 | 33,813 |
| 919027 | All Saints | Capital | All Saints Property Maintenance Fund | 161,994 | - | 6,000 | 2,176 | 165,817 |
| 919028 | All Saints | Income | All Saints Property Maintenance Fund - In | 36,874 | 9,173 | - | - | 46,047 |
| | All Saints Total | | | 1,250,176 | 56,379 | 6,000 | 36,364 | 1,276,191 |
| 999047 | Atawhai | Capital | Atawhai General Endowment Fund | 27,743 | - | - | 373 | 27,371 |
| 999048 | Atawhai | Income | Atawhai General Endowment Fund | 304 | 1,259 | - | 80 | 1,483 |
| 903047 | Atawhai | Capital | Estate KM Dodson | 156,415 | - | - | 2,101 | 154,314 |
| 903048 | Atawhai | Income | Estate KM Dodson | 46,916 | 9,265 | - | - | 56,181 |
| | Atawhai Total | | | 222,561 | 10,524 | - | 2,554 | 239,349 |
| 901057 | Awatere | Capital | Altimarlock Cemetery Endowment | 13,313 | - | - | 179 | 13,134 |
| 901058 | Awatere | Income | Altimarlock Cemetery - Income | 5,506 | 860 | - | - | 6,366 |
| 902057 | Awatere | Capital | Awatere General Endowment Trst | 113,251 | - | - | 1,522 | 111,730 |
| 902058 | Awatere | Income | Awatere General Endowment Fund | 12,257 | 5,581 | - | 3,980 | 13,858 |
| | Awatere Total | | | 144,328 | 6,441 | - | 5,680 | 145,089 |
| 999067 | Blenheim | Capital | Blenheim Car Fund - Capital | - | - | - | - | - |
| 999068 | Blenheim | Income | Blenheim Car Fund - Income | - | - | - | - | - |
| 901067 | Blenheim | Capital | Blenheim General Endowment | 316,510 | - | - | 4,252 | 312,258 |
| 901068 | Blenheim | Income | Blenheim General Endowment | 10,956 | 14,825 | 34,953 | - | 60,734 |
| 909067 | Blenheim | Capital | Blenheim Owner Occupier Lnd Fd | - | - | - | - | - |
| 909068 | Blenheim | Income | Blenheim Owner Occupier Inc Fd | - | - | - | - | - |
| 908067 | Blenheim | Capital | JR Baldwin Bequest | 20,327 | - | - | 273 | 20,054 |
| 908068 | Blenheim | Income | JR Baldwin Bequest Income | 1,012 | 962 | - | - | 1,974 |
| 905067 | Blenheim | Capital | McKenzie Maintenance Endowment | 6,424 | - | - | 86 | 6,338 |
| 905068 | Blenheim | Income | McKenzie Mainteinance Endowmen | 4,987 | 526 | - | - | 5,513 |
| | Blenheim Total | | | 360,215 | 16,313 | 34,953 | 4,612 | 406,870 |
| 999297 | Blen Sth | Capital | Blenheim South General Endowmt | 43,941 | - | - | 590 | 43,351 |
| 999298 | Blen Sth | Income | Blenheim South General Endwmnt | 6,372 | 2,241 | - | 1,596 | 7,017 |
| | Blenheim Sth Total | | | 50,313 | 2,241 | - | 2,186 | 50,367 |
| 905117 | Buller | Capital | Buller General Endowment | 238,710 | - | - | 3,207 | 235,503 |
| 905118 | Buller | Income | Buller General Endowment | 12,623 | 11,091 | - | 13,116 | 10,598 |
| 903117 | Buller | Capital | Granity Karamea Repair Endowmt | 24,011 | - | - | 323 | 23,688 |
| 903118 | Buller | Income | Granity Karamea Repair Endwmnt | 9,558 | 1,563 | 1,200 | - | 12,321 |
| 904117 | Buller | Capital | WC Staples Bequest | 160,036 | - | - | 2,150 | 157,886 |
| 904118 | Buller | Income | WC Staples Bequest | 9,855 | 7,536 | - | 5,441 | 11,950 |
| | Buller Total | | | 454,794 | 20,190 | 1,200 | 24,237 | 451,947 |
| 901077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Choir Fund | 9,476 | - | - | 127 | 9,349 |
| 901078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Choir Fund | 8,990 | 854 | - | - | 9,844 |
| 902077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Emergency Relief End | 522 | - | - | 7 | 515 |
| 902078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Em/Relief End - Incm | 652 | 54 | - | - | 706 |
| 903077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral General Endowment | 7,169 | - | - | 96 | 7,073 |
| 903078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral General Endowment | 2,591 | 446 | - | - | 3,037 |
| 999077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Motor Vehicle Fund | 47,540 | - | - | 639 | 46,901 |
| 999078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Motor Vehicle Fund | 3,714 | 2,275 | – | 1,250 | 4,740 |
| 915077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Music Trust | 36,918 | - | - | 496 | 36,422 |
| 915078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Music Trust - Income | 1,900 | 1,751 | - | - | 3,651 |
| 904077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Organ Mnt Trust | 4,569 | - | - | 61 | 4,508 |
| 904078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Organ Mnt Trt - Incm | 603 | 234 | - | - | 837 |
| 912077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Property Fund | 180,088 | - | - | 2,419 | 177,669 |
| 912078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Property | 21,006 | 8,841 | - | 11,610 | 18,237 |
| 905077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Repair Fund | 7,779 | - | - | 105 | 7,675 |
| 905078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Repair Fund Income | 1,296 | 441 | - | - | 1,708 |
| 908077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral W/Ins Fund Trust | 2,734 | - | - | 37 | 2,697 |
| 908078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral W/Ins Fd Trust - Inc | 1,389 | 189 | - | - | 1,578 |
| 907077 | Cathedral | Capital | Cathedral Y/Fship End Fund Cap | 5,510 | - | - | 74 | 5,436 |
| 907078 | Cathedral | Income | Cathedral Y/Fship End Fd - Cap | 7,451 | 599 | - | 500 | 7,550 |
| 914077 | Cathedral | Capital | Estate ME Mollison | 57,097 | - | - | 767 | 56,330 |
| 914078 | Cathedral | Income | Estate ME Mollison | 21,048 | 3,569 | - | - | 24,617 |
| 916077 | Cathedral | Capital | Estate NG Shea | 546,742 | - | - | 7,345 | 539,397 |
| 916078 | Cathedral | Income | Estate NG Shea Income | 2,402 | 24,702 | - | - | 27,104 |
| 911077 | Cathedral | Capital | Frank & Jean Grear Mem. Trust | 43,422 | - | - | 583 | 42,839 |
| 911078 | Cathedral | Income | F&J Grear Memorial Trust - Inc | 9,182 | 2,389 | - | - | 11,572 |
| 909077 | Cathedral | Capital | FCM Curate Fund | 81,850 | - | - | 1,100 | 80,751 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 909078 | Cathedral | Income | FCM Curate Trust - Income | 14,219 | 4,357 | - | - | 18,576 |
| 913077 | Cathedral | Capital | Linda Leah Herbert Cathedral | 676,851 | - | - | 9,093 | 667,758 |
| 913078 | Cathedral | Income | Linda Leah Herbert Cath .Trust | 25,382 | 30,477 | - | 37,092 | 18,767 |
| 917077 | Cathedral | Capital | The Rainey Bequest | 20,620 | - | - | 277 | 20,343 |
| 917078 | Cathedral | Income | The Rainey Bequest - Income | 893 | 970 | - | - | 1,863 |
| 910077 | Cathedral | Capital | Tomlinson Memorial Trust | 1,409 | - | - | 19 | 1,390 |
| 910078 | Cathedral | Income | Tomlinson Memorial Trust | 49 | 66 | - | - | 115 |
| | Cathedral Total | | | 1,853,064 | 82,185 | - | 73,699 | 1,861,551 |
| 901097 | Cobden | Capital | Cobden General Endowment | 38,827 | - | - | 522 | 38,305 |
| 901098 | Cobden | Income | Cobden General Endowment | - | 1,746 | - | 1,746 | - |
| | Cobden Total | | | 38,827 | 1,746 | - | 2,268 | 38,305 |
| 902107 | Golden Bay | Capital | G Bay General Endowment | 153,815 | - | - | 2,066 | 151,748 |
| 902108 | Golden Bay | Income | G Bay General Endowment | 20,144 | 7,763 | - | 5,225 | 22,682 |
| 906107 | Golden Bay | Capital | G Bay Housing Fund | 67,397 | - | - | 905 | 66,492 |
| 906108 | Golden Bay | Income | G Bay Housing Fund | 22,320 | 4,092 | - | - | 26,413 |
| 901107 | Golden Bay | Capital | Page Church Epiphany R&M Trt | 46,527 | - | - | 625 | 45,902 |
| 901108 | Golden Bay | Income | Page Church Epiphany R&M Trt | 31,977 | 3,509 | - | 34,658 | 828 |
| | Golden Bay Total | | | 342,180 | 15,364 | - | 43,480 | 314,064 |
| 902127 | Greymouth | Capital | Greymouth General Endowment | 764 | - | - | 10 | 754 |
| 902128 | Greymouth | Income | Greymouth General Endowment | 1,021 | 83 | - | - | 1,104 |
| 904127 | Greymouth | Capital | Greymouth Sunday School Endmt | 769 | - | - | 10 | 759 |
| 904128 | Greymouth | Income | Greymouth Sunday School Endmt | 1,579 | 110 | - | - | 1,689 |
| 901127 | Greymouth | Capital | Hopkinson Organ Maint. Trust | 642 | - | - | 9 | 633 |
| 901128 | Greymouth | Income | Hopkinson Organ Mtce Trust | 2,294 | 130 | - | - | 2,432 |
| | Greymouth Total | | | 7,070 | 331 | - | 29 | 7,371 |
| 905137 | Havelock | Capital | Canvastown Church Sale Fund | 121,201 | - | - | 1,628 | 119,573 |
| 905138 | Havelock | Income | Canvastown Church Sale Fund | 5,981 | 5,648 | - | 2,720 | 8,909 |
| 901137 | Havelock | Capital | Havelock General Endowment | 199,999 | - | - | 2,687 | 197,312 |
| 901138 | Havelock | Income | Havelock General Endowment | 71,566 | 12,398 | - | - | 83,964 |
| 908137 | Havelock | Capital | Heatly/Dalton St Pauls End Fnd | 15,586 | - | - | 209 | 15,376 |
| 908138 | Havelock | Income | Heatly/Dalton St Pauls End Fnd | 11,471 | 1,246 | - | - | 12,717 |
| 907137 | Havelock | Capital | Mary Parr St Peters End Fund | 14,407 | - | - | 194 | 14,213 |
| 907138 | Havelock | Income | Mary Parr St Peters End Fund | 16,958 | 1,454 | - | - | 18,413 |
| 909137 | Havelock | Capital | Woodman Endowment Fund | 11,001 | - | - | 148 | 10,853 |
| 909138 | Havelock | Income | Woodman Endowment Fund | 8,465 | 897 | - | - | 9,362 |
| | Havelock Total | | | 476,636 | 21,644 | - | 7,586 | 490,694 |
| 907147 | Kaikoura | Capital | Hitchcock Organ Mtce Trust | 33,480 | - | - | 450 | 33,031 |
| 907148 | Kaikoura | Income | Hitchcock Organ Mtce Trust | 30,663 | 2,964 | - | - | 33,627 |
| 905147 | Kaikoura | Capital | John Boyd Anglican Youth Tst | 11,384 | - | - | 153 | 11,231 |
| 905148 | Kaikoura | Income | John Boyd Anglican Youth Tst | 19,009 | 1,416 | - | - | 20,425 |
| 901147 | Kaikoura | Capital | Kaikoura General Endowment | 195,888 | - | - | 2,632 | 193,256 |
| 901148 | Kaikoura | Income | Kaikoura General Endowment | 16,104 | 9,403 | - | 7,200 | 18,307 |
| 902147 | Kaikoura | Capital | Kowhai Cemetery Endowment | 8,589 | - | - | 115 | 8,474 |
| 902148 | Kaikoura | Income | Kowhai Cemetery Endowment | 3,909 | 572 | - | - | 4,481 |
| | Kaikoura Total | | | 319,027 | 14,355 | - | 10,550 | 322,832 |
| 999317 | Mapua | Capital | Mapua General Endowment Tst | 16,885 | - | - | 227 | 16,658 |
| 999318 | Mapua | Income | Mapua General Endowment Tst | 4,546 | 956 | - | 788 | 4,714 |
| | Mapua Total | | | 21,431 | 956 | - | 1,015 | 21,372 |
| 902157 | Motueka | Capital | Brereton E.G. Trust Capital | 3,717 | - | - | 50 | 3,667 |
| 902158 | Motueka | Income | Brereton E.G. Trust Income | 3,988 | 357 | - | - | 4,354 |
| 904157 | Motueka | Capital | Eric and Peg Richardson Trust | 21,610 | - | - | 290 | 21,320 |
| 904158 | Motueka | Income | Eric and Peg Richardson Trust Inc | 10,262 | 1,378 | - | 4,523 | 7,118 |
| 901157 | Motueka | Capital | Motueka General Endowment | 35,583 | - | - | 478 | 35,105 |
| 901158 | Motueka | Income | Motueka General Endowment | 4,088 | 1,838 | 1,800 | - | 7,725 |
| 903157 | Motueka | Capital | St James Maintenance Edmt | 12,397 | - | - | 167 | 12,230 |
| 903158 | Motueka | Income | St James Church Res Fund | 12,597 | 1,157 | - | - | 13,754 |
| | Motueka Total | | | 104,244 | 4,729 | 1,800 | 5,508 | 105,265 |
| 905187 | Picton | Capital | Dart Holy Trinity Repair Fund | 2,569 | - | - | 35 | 2,535 |
| 905188 | Picton | Income | Dart Holy Trinity Repair Fund | 1,769 | 200 | - | - | 1,969 |
| 901187 | Picton | Capital | Picton General Endowment Tst | 154,877 | - | - | 2,081 | 152,796 |
| 901188 | Picton | Income | Picton General Endowment Tst | 10,449 | 7,338 | - | 4,458 | 13,328 |
| | Picton Total | | | 169,664 | 7,537 | - | 6,574 | 170,628 |
| 901197 | Reefton | Capital | Reefton General Endowment | 701,331 | - | - | 8,965 | 692,366 |
| 901198 | Reefton | Income | Reefton General Endowment | 67,227 | 32,310 | - | 36,090 | 63,447 |
| | Reefton Total | | | 768,559 | 32,310 | - | 45,055 | 755,813 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 901207 | Richmond | Capital | Appleby Church Fund | 12,850 | - | - | 173 | 12,677 |
| 901208 | Richmond | Income | Appleby Church Fund - Income | 19,276 | 1,495 | - | - | 20,770 |
| 902207 | Richmond | Capital | St Albans Cemetery Maintenance | 21,868 | - | - | 294 | 21,574 |
| 902208 | Richmond | Income | St Albans Cemetery Maintenance | 19,008 | 1,887 | - | - | 20,896 |
| 903207 | Richmond | Capital | Hepburn Holy Trinity Mtce | 6,424 | - | - | 86 | 6,338 |
| 903208 | Richmond | Income | Hepburn Holy Trinity Maintenan | 6,906 | 617 | - | - | 7,523 |
| 904207 | Richmond | Capital | Richmond General Endowment | 14,161 | - | - | 190 | 13,971 |
| 904208 | Richmond | Income | Richmond General Endowment | 24,439 | 1,799 | - | - | 26,238 |
| 906207 | Richmond | Capital | Newport Missons Trust | 37,407 | - | - | 503 | 36,905 |
| 906208 | Richmond | Income | Newport Missions Trust | 1,316 | 1,708 | - | 1,560 | 1,463 |
| | Richmond Total | | | 163,654 | 7,506 | - | 2,806 | 168,354 |
| 903217 | Spring Creek | Capital | Holy Trinity Burial Grd Endmt | 16,559 | - | - | 222 | 16,336 |
| 903218 | Spring Creek | Income | Holy Trinity B Grd Income | 17,287 | 1,567 | - | - | 18,853 |
| 901217 | Spring Creek | Capital | Spring Creek General Endowment | 231,400 | - | - | 3,109 | 228,291 |
| 901218 | Spring Creek | Income | Spring Creek General Endowment | 80,609 | 14,240 | - | - | 94,849 |
| | Spring Creek Total | | | 345,854 | 15,807 | - | 3,331 | 358,330 |
| 901227 | Stoke | Capital | Stoke General Endowment | 73,526 | - | - | 988 | 72,538 |
| 901228 | Stoke | Income | Stoke General Endowment | 4,265 | 3,447 | - | 2,600 | 5,112 |
| 903227 | Stoke | Capital | Stoke Graveyard Endowment | 2,695 | - | - | 36 | 2,659 |
| 903228 | Stoke | Income | Stoke Churchyard Endowment | 3,501 | 288 | - | - | 3,788 |
| | Stoke Total | | | 83,987 | 3,735 | - | 3,624 | 84,097 |
| 901237 | Tahunanui | Capital | Bell Sunday School Endowment | 3,854 | - | - | 52 | 3,802 |
| 901238 | Tahunanui | Income | Bell Sunday School Endowment | 1,574 | 248 | - | - | 1,822 |
| 917237 | Tahunanui | Capital | Esme Wright (St Stephens) Bequest | 78,208 | - | - | 1,051 | 77,157 |
| 917238 | Tahunanui | Income | Esme Wright (St Stephens) Bequest - Inc | 3,609 | 3,620 | - | 2,880 | 4,349 |
| 918237 | Tahunanui | Capital | JL McCrea Bequest | 21,666 | - | - | 291 | 21,375 |
| 918238 | Tahunanui | Income | JL McCrea Bequest - Income | 1,229 | 1,014 | - | 766 | 1,477 |
| 902237 | Tahunanui | Capital | Tahunanui General Endmt Trust | 39,464 | - | - | 530 | 38,934 |
| 902238 | Tahunanui | Income | Tahunanui General Endowmnt Trt | 11,759 | 2,334 | - | - | 14,093 |
| | Tahunanui Total | | | 161,364 | 7,217 | - | 5,570 | 163,010 |
| 903307 | Victory | Capital | Victory Building Maintenance Trust | 15,376 | - | - | 207 | 15,170 |
| 903308 | Victory | Income | Victory Building Maintenance Trust - Inc | 4,479 | 739 | - | 4,400 | 817 |
| 902307 | Victory | Capital | Victory General Endowment | 3,024 | - | - | 41 | 2,983 |
| 902308 | Victory | Income | Victory General Endowment - Income | 606 | 165 | - | - | 771 |
| 904307 | Victory | Capital | Victory Young Persons Trust | 8,125 | - | - | 109 | 8,016 |
| 904308 | Victory | Income | Victory Young Persons Trust - Income | 21,457 | 1,383 | 830 | 830 | 22,839 |
| | Victory Total | | | 53,067 | 2,286 | 830 | 5,586 | 50,597 |
| 910247 | Waimea | Capital | Bryant St Pauls Mtce Endowment | 42,196 | - | - | 567 | 41,629 |
| 910248 | Waimea | Income | St Pauls Maintenance Income | - | 1,898 | - | 1,898 | - |
| 905247 | Waimea | Capital | St Michaels Grounds Endowment | 41,492 | - | - | 557 | 40,934 |
| 905248 | Waimea | Income | St Michaels Grounds - Income | 48,599 | 4,174 | - | 588 | 52,185 |
| 901247 | Waimea | Capital | St Pauls Gounds Mtce Endowment | 102,400 | - | - | 1,376 | 101,024 |
| 901248 | Waimea | Income | St Pauls Grounds Mtce Endowmnt | - | 4,523 | - | 4,523 | - |
| 902247 | Waimea | Capital | Waimea General Endowment Trust | 427,038 | - | - | 5,737 | 421,301 |
| 902248 | Waimea | Income | Waimea General Endowment Trust | 36,628 | 20,874 | - | 2,410 | 55,093 |
| | Waimea Total | | | 698,353 | 31,468 | - | 17,656 | 712,166 |
| 901257 | Wairau | Capital | Bell - Graves Endowment | 14,502 | - | - | 195 | 14,307 |
| 901258 | Wairau | Income | Bell Sir Graves, - Income | 11,668 | 1,207 | - | - | 12,875 |
| 903257 | Wairau | Capital | Samson Good Shepherd Furn Trus | 24,202 | - | - | 325 | 23,877 |
| 903258 | Wairau | Income | Samson Good Shepherd Income | 25,114 | 2,182 | - | 6,995 | 20,301 |
| 907257 | Wairau | Capital | Tyntesfield Cemetery Endowment | 8,379 | - | - | 113 | 8,266 |
| 907258 | Wairau | Income | Tyntesfield Trust - Income | 757 | 413 | - | - | 1,169 |
| 908257 | Wairau | Capital | Wairau Valley Cemetery Endowmt | 2,175 | - | - | 29 | 2,145 |
| 908258 | Wairau | Income | Wairau Valley Cemetery Fund | 4,750 | 310 | - | 1,000 | 4,059 |
| 902257 | Wairau | Capital | Wairau Valley General Endowmnt | 124,415 | - | | 1,671 | 122,743 |
| 902258 | Wairau | Income | Wairau Valley General Endowmnt | 7,368 | 5,874 | 15,000 | 6,576 | 21,665 |
| | Wairau Total | | | 223,329 | 9,985 | - | 16,905 | 231,409 |
| 903267 | Wakefield | Capital | Children/Youth Endowment Trust | 5,757 | - | - | 77 | 5,680 |
| 903268 | Wakefield | Income | Children/Youth Endowment Trust | 1,937 | 346 | - | 216 | 2,066 |
| 904267 | Wakefield | Capital | Foxhill Church Sale Fund | 187,625 | - | - | 2,521 | 185,104 |
| 904268 | Wakefield | Income | Foxhill Church Sale Fund - Income | 10,415 | 8,775 | - | 6,600 | 12,590 |
| 917267 | Wakefield | Capital | Murchison General Endowment Trust | 29,775 | - | - | 400 | 29,375 |
| 917268 | Wakefield | Income | M General Endowment Trust - Inc | 1,728 | 1,397 | - | 1,020 | 2,105 |
| 907267 | Wakefield | Capital | St Georges Cemetery Endowment | 10,308 | - | - | 138 | 10,170 |
| 907268 | Wakefield | Income | St Georges Cemetery Endmnt - Inc | 13,692 | 1,115 | - | - | 14,806 |
| 902267 | Wakefield | Capital | St Johns Heritage Endowment | 84,489 | - | - | 1,135 | 83,354 |
| 902268 | Wakefield | Income | St Johns Heritage Endowment | 12,421 | 4,333 | - | 2,400 | 14,353 |
| 905267 | Wakefield | Capital | Tapawera General Endowment | 672,358 | - | - | 9,033 | 663,325 |
| 905268 | Wakefield | Income | Tapawera General Endowment - Inc | 99,881 | 34,628 | - | 15,000 | 119,509 |
| 901267 | Wakefield | Capital | Wakefield General Endowment | 227,076 | - | - | 3,051 | 224,025 |
| 901268 | Wakefield | Income | Wakefield General Endowment | 11,832 | 10,588 | - | 7,800 | 14,620 |
| | Wakefield Total | | | 1,369,293 | 61,182 | - | 49,391 | 1,381,083 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 900567 | **BTC** | **Capital** | **BTC Trust Funds** | 572,291 | - | 700 | 8,389 | 564,602 |
| 900568 | **BTC** | **Income** | **BTC Trust Funds - Income** | 968 | 25,184 | - | 25,727 | 425 |
| 901567 | **BTC** | **Capital** | **BTC Scholarship Trust Fund** | 1,253 | - | - | 17 | 1,236 |
| 901568 | **BTC** | **Income** | **BTC Scholarship Trust Fund - Inc** | 1,158 | 112 | - | - | 1,270 |
| | **BTC Total** | | | 575,670 | 25,295 | 700 | 34,132 | 567,533 |
| 914527 | **St Andrews** | **Capital** | **St Andrews General Bequests** | 814,846 | - | - | 10,947 | 803,898 |
| 914528 | **St Andrews** | **Income** | **St Andrews General Trust** | 118,524 | 41,010 | 13,399 | 66,231 | 106,703 |
| | **St Andrews Total** | | | 933,370 | 41,010 | 13,399 | 77,178 | 910,601 |
| 901007 | **Other** | **Capital** | **Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu** | 85,862 | - | - | 1,154 | 84,708 |
| 901008 | **Other** | **Income** | **Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu** | 59,556 | 6,694 | - | - | 66,250 |
| 905007 | **Other** | **Capital** | **Mary C Foster-Barham Fund** | 1,183,654 | - | - | 15,902 | 1,167,752 |
| 905008 | **Other** | **Income** | **Mary C Foster-Barham Fund - Inc** | 106,049 | 57,291 | 108 | 45,510 | 117,939 |
| 901587 | **Other** | **Capital** | **Bishop of Nelson Trust - Capital** | 10,012 | - | - | 135 | 9,877 |
| 901588 | **Other** | **Income** | **Bishop of Nelson Trust - Income** | 13,018 | 1,181 | 4,000 | - | 18,199 |
| | **Other Total** | | | 1,458,151 | 65,166 | 4,108 | 62,700 | 1,464,725 |
| | **Grand Total** | | | 58,485,182 | 2,550,321 | 182,213 | 2,983,026 | 58,234,669 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **GROUP** | | | | | |
| **Parishes** | 9,669,374 | 431,474 | 59,783 | 375,251 | 9,785,381 |
| **Diocese** | 45,827,164 | 1,986,420 | 104,223 | 2,432,750 | 45,485,057 |
| **BTC** | 575,670 | 25,295 | 700 | 34,132 | 567,533 |
| **Other** | 1,458,151 | 65,166 | 4,108 | 62,700 | 1,464,725 |
| **Total Group Trusts** | 57,530,359 | 2,508,355 | 168,814 | 2,904,833 | 57,302,696 |
| **NON GROUP** | | | | | |
| **St Andrews** | 933,370 | 41,010 | 13,399 | 77,178 | 910,601 |
| **Other** | 1,458,151 | 65,166 | 4,108 | 62,700 | 1,464,725 |
| **Mapua** | 21,431 | 956 | - | 1,015 | 21,372 |
| **Total Non Group Trusts** | 2,412,952 | 107,132 | 17,507 | 140,893 | 2,396,698 |
| **CAPITAL** | | | | | |
| **Capital** Dio | 42,958,977 | - | 20,112 | 564,387 | 42,414,705 |
| **Capital** Parish | 8,329,264 | - | 6,000 | 111,446 | 8,223,819 |
| **Capital** BTC | 573,544 | - | 700 | 8,405 | 55,838 |
| **Capital** Other | | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Capital Group Trusts** | 51,861,785 | - | 26,812 | 684,235 | 51,204,362 |
| **Capital** Non -Group | 2,111,258 | - | - | 28,364 | 2,082,894 |
| **Total Capital** | 53,973,043 | - | 26,812 | 712,599 | 53,287,256 |
| **INCOME** | | | | | |
| **Income** Dio | 2,868,208 | 1,986,420 | 84,111 | 1,868,366 | 3,070,352 |
| **Income** Parish | 1,340,109 | 431,474 | 53,783 | 263,805 | 1,561,562 |
| **Income** BTC | 2,127 | 25,295 | - | 25,727 | 1,695 |
| **Income** Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Income Group Trusts** | 4,210,444 | 2,443,189 | 137,894 | 2,157,898 | 4,633,608 |
| **Income** Non -Group | 301,694 | 107,132 | 17,507 | 112,528 | 313,805 |
| **Total Income** | 4,512,117 | 2,550,321 | 155,401 | 2,270,426 | 4,947,413 |
| **Grand Total** | 58,485,160 | 2,550,321 | 182,213 | 2,270,426 | 58,234,669 |

BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

# The Bishopdale Theological College Trust

## Performance Report

**For the year ended**
**31 December 2025**

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**The Bishopdale Theological College Trust**

**Entity Information**

**"Who are we?", "Why do we exist?" For the year ended 31 December 2023**

| | |
|---|---|
| Legal Name of Entity: | The Bishopdale Theological College Trust |
| Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any): | Charitable Trust and Registered Charity |
| Registration Number: | CC23883 |

Entity's Purpose or Mission:

The teaching of theology within an evangelical ethos to leaders and future leaders of the Anglican Church and other church communities.

Entity Structure:

Management and control of the Trust and the full control of all income and expenditure, and assets of the Trust is vested in the Trust Board.

Entity's Governance arrangements:

The entity is governed by a Trust Board established by a trust deed which allows for 6 to 9 trustees. The majority of trustees are appointed to the Board by the Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) or its appointees.

Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources:

The Trust's main sources of income are:

- Student fee income
- Donations
- Trust income
- Grant and training income from the Diocese of Nelson
- Exterior grant funding

Main Methods Used by the Entity to Raise Funds:

The Trust receives donation income from its supporters which has continued since the Colleges inception. The College also applies for grants from appropriate bodies.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services:

The Trust receives volunteer help. The volunteers include the Trustees on the Trust Board as well as volunteers who assist with the operations of the College.

Contact details

| | |
|---|---|
| Physical Address: | 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson |
| Postal Address: | PO Box 347, Nelson |
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**The Bishopdale Theological College Trust**

**Statement of Service Performance**

**"What did we do?", When did we do it?"**

**For the year ended**
**31 December 2025**

Description of the Entity's Outcomes:

Bishopdale Theological College provides theological and leadership training through the provision of courses in Nelson towards the following qualifications awarded by Laidlaw College:

- New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership and Biblical Studies tracks, at level 6)
- Bachelor of Theology
- Graduate Certificate in Theology
- Graduate Diploma in Theology

The College also provides its own theological and leadership qualifications

| Description of key activities: | Actual This Year | Actual Last Year |
|---|---|---|
| Courses | | |
| Level 5 Courses (Laidlaw) | 13 | 12 |
| Level 6 & 7 Courses (Laidlaw) | 6 | 3 |
| Level 6 Courses (Bishopdale) | 6 | 7 |
| Students | | |
| Informal Students | 16 | 3 |
| Formal Students | 55 | 37 |
| | 71 | 40 |
| Formal Students | | |
| Full time | 26 | 13 |
| Part time | 28 | 24 |
| | 54 | 37 |
| Graduands | | |
| Diploma in Christian Studies (Laidlaw) | 6 | 8 |
| Graduate Diploma in Theology (Laidlaw) | 1 | 0 |
| Graduate Certificate in Theology (Laidlaw) | 1 | 0 |
| Bachelor of Theology (Laidlaw) | 0 | 2 |
| Diploma in Christian Studies (Bishopdale) | 1 | 2 |
| | 9 | 12 |

**The Bishopdale Theological College Trust**

**Statement of Financial Performance**

**"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?"**

**For the year ended**
**31 December 2025**

| | Note | Actual This Year $ | Actual Last Year $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | 1 | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | | 232,250 | 218,047 |
| Revenue from commercial activities | | 484,598 | 753,453 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | | 22,087 | 32,088 |
| Other revenue | | 373 | 3,405 |
| **Total Revenue** | | **739,308** | **1,006,993** |
| **Expenses** | 2 | | |
| Employee remuneration and other related expenses | | 462,828 | 429,513 |
| Expenses related to commercial activities | | 229,449 | 186,715 |
| Grants and donations made | | 13,999 | 318,123 |
| Other expenses | | 32,063 | 26,678 |
| **Total Expenses** | | **738,399** | **961,029** |
| **Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year** | | **969** | **45,964** |

Chairperson — Date 24/06/26

Finance Manager — Date 24/06/26

## The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Statement of Financial Position
## "What the entity owns?" and "What the entity owes?"
## As at
## 31 December 2025

| | Note | Actual This Year $ | Actual Last Year $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| | | | |
| **Current Assets** | 3 | | |
| Bank accounts and cash | | 8,199 | 7,120 |
| Debtors and prepayments | | 2,318 | 30,281 |
| Other current assets | | 152,786 | 98,283 |
| **Total Current Assets** | | **163,303** | **135,684** |
| | | | |
| **Non-Current Assets** | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4 | 93,438 | 101,801 |
| Investments | 3 | 565,838 | 573,544 |
| Other non-current assets | | | |
| **Total Non-Current Assets** | | **659,276** | **675,345** |
| | | | |
| **Total Assets** | | **822,579** | **811,029** |
| | | | |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| | | | |
| **Current Liabilities** | 3 | | |
| Bank overdraft | | | |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | | 30,313 | 13,547 |
| Employee costs payable | | 58,138 | 50,592 |
| Other current liabilities | | 5,346 | 19,077 |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | | **93,797** | **83,216** |
| | | | |
| **Non-Current Liabilities** | 3 | | |
| Loans | | | |
| Other non-current liabilities | | - | - |
| **Total Non-Current Liabilities** | | **-** | **-** |
| | | | |
| **Total Liabilities** | | **93,797** | **83,216** |
| | | | |
| **Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)** | | **728,782** | **727,813** |
| | | | |
| **Accumulated Funds** | 5 | | |
| Trust Capital | | 118,000 | 118,000 |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | | 162,944 | 154,269 |
| Restricted Funds Reserve | | 447,838 | 455,544 |
| **Total Accumulated Funds** | | **728,782** | **727,813** |

## The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Statement of Cash Flows
## "How the entity has received and used cash"
## For the year ended
## 31 December 2025

| | Actual This Year $ | Actual Last Year $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Cash Flows from Operating Activities** | | |
| **Cash was received from:** | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts | 232,250 | 218,047 |
| Gross Receipts from commercial activities | 515,177 | 730,217 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment receipts | 64 | 430 |
| Net GST | 9,084 | (1,217) |
| **Cash was applied to:** | | |
| Employee remuneration and other related expenses | (455,282) | (415,029) |
| Payments related to commercial activities | (247,741) | (179,042) |
| Donations or grants paid | (13,999) | (318,123) |
| **Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities** | **39,553** | **35,283** |
| **Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities** | | |
| **Cash was received from:** | | |
| Receipts from NDTB Trusts | (24,774) | (26,120) |
| **Cash was applied to:** | | |
| Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment | (13,700) | (12,796) |
| **Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities** | **(38,474)** | **(38,916)** |
| **Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash** | **1,079** | **(3,633)** |
| **Opening Cash** | 7,120 | 10,753 |
| **Closing Cash** | 8,199 | 7,120 |
| **This is represented by:** | | |
| Bank Accounts and Cash | 8,199 | 7,120 |

# The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Statement of Accounting Policies
## "How did we do our accounting"
## For the year ended
## 31 December 2025

**Basis of Preparation**

The Bishopdale Theological College Trust has prepared its Performance Report in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than $5,000,000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

**Restricted Funding**

When donation funding has been provided for specific future investment purposes or to meet specific future costs of the Trust and does not have a use or return condition attached, the initial donation received is recognised as income in the reported surplus or deficit and then transferred from Accumulated Funds to a separate "Restricted Funds" equity reserve. This treatment recognises that restricted funding received is preserved in investments and the income only can be used to fund the future costs of the Trust.

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

The Bishopdale Theological College Trust is registered for GST. All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

**Income Tax**

The Bishopdale Theological College Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

**Bank Accounts and Cash**

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

**Asset Valuation**

Tier 3 (NFP) Accounting Standards Applied:

Investments include funds invested through the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board which are classified as financial assets measured at fair value through surplus or deficit. These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any dividend income or interest, are recognised in surplus or deficit.

**Revenue**

**Student Fees & Ministry Training Income**

Student Fees and Ministry Training Income is recognised as income when the teaching/training occurs.

**Grants**

Grants are recognised as revenue when the funding is received unless there is an obligation to return the funds if conditions of the grant are not met. If there is such an obligation, the grant is initially recorded as a liability and recognised as revenue when conditions of the grant are satisfied.

**Interest Revenue**

Interest revenue Is recorded as it is earned during the year.

**Depreciation**

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life.

Depreciation rates used are as follows:
Furniture and equipment 5 - 10 years
Computers 3 - S Years
Leasehold Improvements 10 years
Library Books 10 Years

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

This is the first period the entity has prepared its financial statements in accordance with the new Tier 3 (NFP) standard. Comparative information has been restated where necessary to comply with the new standard. The transition has not resulted in any material changes to the reported financial position or performance, except for changes in presentation and disclosure format.

# The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Notes to the Performance Report
## For the year ended
## 31 December 2025

### Note 1: Analysis of Revenue

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Donations, Fundraising and other similar revenue | Donations - Restricted | 11,500 | 700 |
| | Donations - Operating | 98,030 | 99,347 |
| | Grant - Diocese | 122,720 | 118,000 |
| | **Total** | 232,250 | 218,047 |

Donations - Restricted are donations received which are being invested in a permanent trust with the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board with the income only being available for the college's operational purposes.

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Revenue from commercial activities | Student Fees | 127,875 | 127,875 |
| | St John's – Base Funding | 213,682 | 219,100 |
| | St John's – Student Scholarships | - | 309,585 |
| | St John's – Other | 68,295 | 82,983 |
| | Grant - Other | 13,913 | 13,910 |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 484,598 | 753,453 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | Trust Interest | 29,730 | 29,330 |
| | Interest | 64 | 430 |
| | Capital Distribution to Financial assets at Fair Value through Surplus and Deficit – change in fair value | (7,707) | 2,328 |
| | **Total** | 22,087 | 32,088 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Other revenue | Other Revenue | 373 | 3,405 |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 373 | 3,405 |

**The Bishopdale Theological College Trust**
**Notes to the Performance Report**
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

## Note 2: Analysis of Expenses

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Expense Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Employee remuneration and other related expenses | Salaries and Wages | 424,584 | 398,895 |
| | Superannuation & Kiwisaver | 20,883 | 17,571 |
| | ACC levies/Insurances | 6,745 | 5,263 |
| | Allowances | 4,731 | 4,540 |
| | Professional Development | 5,885 | 3,244 |
| | **Total** | 462,828 | 429,513 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Expense Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Expenses related to commercial activities | Administration Fee | 11,440 | 12,000 |
| | Property Costs | 77,953 | 73,448 |
| | Administration and overhead costs | 71,180 | 60,520 |
| | Other service delivery costs | 6,625 | 4,451 |
| | Ministry Training Costs | 15,819 | 14,201 |
| | Direct costs relating to service delivery | 46,432 | 22,095 |
| | **Total** | 229,449 | 186,715 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Expense Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Grants and donations made | Scholarships – Other | 13,999 | 9,500 |
| | Scholarships – Anglican | - | 308,623 |
| | **Total** | 13,999 | 318,123 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Expense Item** | **Analysis** | $ | $ |
| Other expenses | Audit Fee | 10,700 | 5,700 |
| | Depreciation | 22,063 | 20,987 |
| | **Total** | 32,063 | 26,678 |

# The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Notes to the Performance Report
## For the year ended 31 December 2025
## Note 3: Analysis of Assets and Liabilities

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Bank accounts and cash | Cheque account balance | 8,199 | 7,120 |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 8,199 | 7,120 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Debtors and prepayments | Accounts receivable | 2,083 | 10,281 |
| | Prepayments | - | - |
| | Accrued Income | - | 20,000 |
| | Sundry Debtors | 235 | - |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 2,318 | 30,281 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Other current assets | NDTB Call Fund | 151,091 | 96,156 |
| | NDTB Permanent Income Fund | 1,695 | 2,127 |
| | **Total** | 152,786 | 98,283 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| NDTB Permanent Trust – financial assets at fair value through surplus and deficit | NDTB Permanent Trust | 565,838 | 573,544 |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 565,838 | 573,544 |

573,226

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Liability Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | Trade and other payables | 7,363 | 6,506 |
| | Accrued expenses | 11,725 | 4,900 |
| | GST Payable | 11,225 | 2,141 |
| | **Total** | 30,313 | 13,547 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Liability Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Employee costs payable | Wages and salaries earned but not yet paid | 22,813 | 12,867 |
| | Holiday pay accrual | 35,178 | 29,210 |
| | ACC contributions owing | 147 | 105 |
| | Tutor Accrual | - | 8,410 |
| | | | |
| | **Total** | 58,138 | 50,592 |

| | | This Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Liability Item** | **Analysis** | **$** | **$** |
| Other current liabilities | Visa Balance | 3,103 | 6,743 |
| | Income received but not spent | 2,243 | 12,334 |
| | **Total** | 5,346 | 19,077 |

## The Bishopdale Theological College Trust
## Notes to the Performance Report
## For the year ended 31 December 2025

### Note 4: Property, Plant and Equipment

| This Year | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Class** | **Opening Carrying Amount** | **Purchases** | **Sales/ Disposals** | **Current Year Depreciation & Impairment** | **Closing Carrying Amount** |
| Leasehold Improvements | 17,529 | - | - | 2,168 | **15,361** |
| Furniture and equipment | 7,309 | - | - | 2,015 | **5,294** |
| Computers (incl. software) | 1,415 | 2,200 | - | 1,249 | **2,366** |
| Library Books | 75,548 | 11,500 | - | 16,631 | **70,417** |
| **Total** | **101,801** | **13,700** | **-** | **22,063** | **93,438** |

| Last Year | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Asset Class** | **Opening Carrying Amount** | **Purchases** | **Sales/ Disposals** | **Current Year Depreciation and Impairment** | **Closing Carrying Amount** |
| Leasehold Improvements | 19,697 | - | - | 2,168 | **17,529** |
| Furniture and equipment | 6,301 | 3,030 | - | 2,022 | **7,309** |
| Computers (incl. software) | 2,563 | - | - | 1,148 | **1,415** |
| Library Books | 81,422 | 9,766 | - | 15,640 | **75,548** |
| **Total** | **109,983** | **12,796** | **-** | **20,978** | **101,801** |

### Note 5: Accumulated Funds

| This Year | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Description** | **Trust Capital** | **Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits** | **Restricted Funds Reserve** | **Total** |
| **Opening Balance** | 118,000 | 154,269 | 455,544 | **727,813** |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | 969 | | 969 |
| Transfer from Reserves | | 7,706 | (7,706) | |
| **Closing Balance** | **118,000** | **162,944** | **447,838** | **728,782** |

| Last Year | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Description** | **Trust Capital** | **Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits** | **Restricted Funds Reserve** | **Total** |
| **Opening Balance** | 118,000 | 111,333 | 452,516 | **681,849** |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | 45,964 | | **45,964** |
| Transfer to Reserves | | (3,028) | 3,028 | |
| **Closing Balance** | **118,000** | **154,269** | **455,544** | **727,813** |

| **Breakdown of Reserves** | | **Actual This Year** | **Actual Last Year** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name** | **Nature and Purpose** | **$** | **$** |
| Restricted Funds Reserve Endowment Fund | Permanent trust fund with only the income generated by the fund available for the operational purposes of the College. | 446,582 | 454,291 |
| Restricted Funds Reserve Scholarship Fund | Permanent trust fund with only the income generated by the fund available to assist with the payment of College scholarships. | 1,253 | 1,253 |
| | **Total** | **447,838** | **455,544** |

# The Bishopdale Theological College Trust

## Notes to the Performance Report
## For the year ended 31 December 2025

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### Note 6 : Commitments and Contingencies

| Commitment | Explanation and Timing | At balance date This Year $ | At balance date Last Year $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Commitments to lease or rent assets | The Trust has a non-cancellable operating lease commitment for the premises leased from the All Saints parish. The current term of the lease runs through to 31 January 2027. The lease has been varied to allow the lease to be terminated on the giving of six months written notice. | 52,467 | 52,467 |

**Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees**
There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year - nil )

### Note 7: Related Party Transactions

| Description of Related Party Relationship | Description of the Transaction (whether in cash or amount in kind) | This Year $ Value of Transactions | Last Year $ Value of Transactions | This Year $ Amount Outstanding | Last Year $ Amount Outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anglican Diocese Of Nelson - Parent | Grant Funding Received | 191,015 | 200,98 | - | - |
| Anglican Diocese Of Nelson - Parent | Administration Fee Paid | 11,440 | 12,000 | - | - |
| Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | Trust Income Received | 29,730 | 29,330 | - | - |
| Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | Trust Income - Capital Distribution | (7,707) | 2,328 | | |
| Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | Call Fund | - | - | 151,091 | 96,156 |
| Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | Permanent Fund | - | - | 565,838 | 573,544 |
| Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | Permanent Income Fund | - | - | 1,695 | 2,127 |
| | | | | | |

### Note 8: Events After the Balance Date

**Events After the Balance Date:**
There were no significant events after the balance date.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Trustees of The Bishopdale Theological College Trust**

**Opinion**

We have audited the performance report of The Bishopdale Theological College Trust (the Trust) which comprise the financial statements on pages 3 to 11, the statement of service performance on page 2 and the entity information on page 1. The complete set of financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, and the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the entity information as at 31 December 2025;
- the financial position of the Trust as at 31 December 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the service performance of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025 in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods

in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust.

**Information other than the Performance Report and Auditor's Report**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the performance report does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. At the time of our audit, there was no other information available to us.

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In connection with our audit of the performance report, if other information is included in the annual report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the performance report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of our auditors' report, we concluded that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

**Trustees' Responsibilities for the Performance Report**

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for:

a) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;
b) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities;
c) the preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities;
d) the overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities; and
e) such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements and statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the performance report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select its elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and the measurement bases or evaluation methods.
- Evaluate whether the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods present an appropriate and meaningful assessment of the entity's service performance in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions, events and elements/aspects of service performance in accordance with Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-For-Profit Entities in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Restriction on Use**

This report is made solely to the Trust's Trustees, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Dated at Nelson this 24th day of June 2026

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# ST ANDREW'S FAMILY TRUST

**St Andrew's Family Trust**

**Performance Report**

**For the year ended:**
**31 December 2025**

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## St Andrew's Family Trust

### Performance Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Organisation Name: | St Andrew's Family Trust |
| For the year ended: | 31/12/2025 |

### Entity Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of entity: | St Andrew's Family Trust |

| | |
|---|---|
| Type of Entity: | Charitable Trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 (Incorporation Number 687984) and Registered Charity under the Charities Act 2005 (CC23872) |

### Statement of Service Performance

| Description of main activities undertaken during the financial year | Quantity Current Year | Last Year |
|---|---|---|
| Project grants (including kindergarten social worker, school workshops, after school programme, community centre kids programmes) | $35,125 | $12,046 |
| Special needs and emergency grants (including school uniforms, heating, camps, disability assistance, emergency needs) | $12,337 | $ 9,780 |

**This performance report has been approved by those charged with governance.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Date | 7/5/26 | Date | 7/5/26 |
| Signature | MK Chaney | Signature | |
| Name | Maree Chaney | Name | Phillipa Adams |
| Position | Chair | Position | Trustee |

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The Performance Report should be read in conjunction with the notes and the review report.

## St Andrew's Family Trust

### Performance Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Organisation Name: | St Andrew's Family Trust |
| For the year ended: | 31/12/2025 |

### Statement of Cash Received and Cash Paid

| | Note | Current year $ | Last year $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Opening balance in bank account(s) and any cash on hand** | | **118,525** | **97,549** |
| **Plus: Cash received from operating activities** | | | |
| Interest or dividends received | 2 | 41,010 | 46,314 |
| Total cash received from operating activities | | 41,010 | 46,314 |
| **Less: Cash paid for operating activities** | | | |
| Grants and donations paid | 3 | 47,462 | 21,844 |
| Other cash paid | | 5,370 | 3,494 |
| Total cash paid for operating activities | | 52,832 | 25,338 |
| **Cash surplus or (deficit) from operating activities** | | **(11,822)** | **20,976** |
| **Plus: Cash received from other activities** | | | |
| Sale of investments | 4 | - | 226,741 |
| Total cash received from other activities | | - | 226,741 |
| **Less: Cash paid for other activities** | | | |
| Payments in relation to three redress claims | 5 | | 226,741 |
| Total cash paid for other activities | | - | 226,741 |
| **Cash surplus or (deficit) from other activities** | | **-** | **-** |
| **Increase or (decrease) in cash for the financial year** | | (11,822) | 20,976 |
| **Closing balance in bank account(s) and any cash on hand** | | **106,703** | **118,525** |
| **Represented by:** | | | |
| Closing balance of bank account(s) | | 106,703 | 118,525 |
| **Total cash balances held** | | **106,703** | **118,525** |

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## St Andrew's Family Trust

## Performance Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Organisation Name: | St Andrew's Family Trust |
| For the year ended: | 31/12/2025 |

### Note 1 - Accounting Policies

**Basis of preparation**

The organisation is permitted by law to apply the Tier 4 (NFP) Standard issued by the External Reporting Board (XRB) and the organisation has elected to use this Standard. All transactions included in the Statement of Cash Received and Cash Paid and related notes to the Performance Report have been reported on a cash basis.

**Treatment of GST**

The organisation is not registered for GST and all amounts are recorded inclusive of GST (if any).

**Changes In Accounting Policy**

St Andrew's Family Trust transitioned from PBE SFR-C (NFP) Public Benefit Entitiy Simple Format Reporting - Cash (Not for Profit) to Tier 4 (NFP) with effect 1 January 2024. The comparative information has been restated to comply with the new standard.

### Note 2 - Analysis of cash received from operating activities

| Category | Analysis | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Interest or dividends received | Nelson Diocesan Trust Board interest | 41,010 | 46,314 |
| | | | |
| | Total | 41,010 | 46,314 |

### Note 3 - Analysis cash paid for operating activities

| Category | Analysis | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grants and donations paid | Project grants | 35,125 | 12,064 |
| | Special needs and emergency grants | 12,337 | 9,780 |
| | Total | 47,462 | 21,844 |

| Category | Analysis | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Other costs related to delivery of entity objectives | Review Fees | 1,920 | |
| | Administration Levy | 3,450 | 3,450 |
| | Other Expenditure | | 44 |
| | Total | 5,370 | 3,494 |

### Note 4 - Analysis of cash received from other activities

| Category | Analysis | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sale of investments | Partial sale of Nelson Diocesan Trust Board capital investment | | 226,741 |
| | Total | - | 226,741 |

### Note 5 - Analysis of cash paid for other activities

| Category | Analysis | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Payments in relation to three redress claims | Redress Claim Payments | | 226,741 |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | 226,741 |

### Note 6 - Significant Assets

| Description of asset | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|
| Capital Investment in Nelson Diocesan Trust Board | 803,898 | 814,846 |

St Andrews Capital is held by the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board and invested in a range of assets including, direct and indirect property holdings, shares, bonds and term deposits. During 2025 the overall value of the investment reduced by $10,948 due to commercial property valuation declines. It should be noted that during 2024 the Board elected to use some of the capital funds ($226,741) to address historial abuse payments related to the St Andrews home in the middle of last century. This expenditure was partially offset by capital gains of $4,233.

### Note 7 - Commitments

| Description of liability | Current year | Last year |
|---|---|---|
| Project Grant Commitments as at 31 December 2025 | 35,125 | 31,000 |
| Review Fee | 1,075 | 1,800 |

### Note 8 - Related Party Transactions

There were no significant related party transactions during the financial year. (Last year - Nil)

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## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

**To the Trustees of St Andrews Family Trust**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements contained in the performance report of St Andrews Family Trust, which comprises the statement of cash received and cash paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 and the accounting policies and other explanatory information. We were not engaged to review the entity information or statement of service performance and accordingly these statements, are not included in our review.

**Trustees Responsibility for the Performance Report**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Performance Report in accordance with Tier 4 (NFP), including the selection of objectives and the quantification of the main activities to the extent practicable, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a Performance Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying Financial Statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400, *Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity*. ISRE (NZ) 2400 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This Standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no relationship with, or interests in the St Andrews Family Trust.

**Conclusion**

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements of St Andrews Family Trust as at 31 December 2025 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Tier 4 (NFP).

**Emphasis or Matter – Special Purpose Report**

The performance report is prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework, Tier 4 (NFP), and as a result, the performance report may not be suitable for other purposes.

Independent Auditors Ltd

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8 May 2026

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## DIOCESE OF NELSON GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Diocese Of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
# Consolidated Accounts
# For the year ended 31 December 2025

# Diocese Of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

## For the year ended 31 December 2025

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## STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

# Diocese of Nelson

# Statement of Service Performance 2025

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# A. Introduction

## Purpose

This Statement of Service Performance (SSP) contains relevant non-financial information for the Nelson Anglican Diocese 2025 Financial Year. Preparation of this SSP is a requirement of the Charities Act 2005. The Nelson Anglican Diocese is a Tier 2 entity for reporting and this SSP has been prepared in line with Public Benefit Entity Financial Reporting Standard 48. This SSP aims to explain:

- Why the charity exists, what it wants to achieve, and how it wants to do that in a general sense
- What the charity actually did during the year to move closer to these goals

## Who are we? - About the Nelson Anglican Diocese

The Diocese was formed in 1858 when the Letters Patent establishing Nelson as both a Diocese and as a City were signed. The first Bishop was installed in 1859. The role of an Anglican Bishop is to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in the oversight of the Church.

In Nelson the diocese comprises of 23 parishes and one Mission District, each ministering within a defined geographical area. Each parish has a local management committee, called a vestry, made up of volunteers (lay members) and clergy. The Bishop provides spiritual oversight through the appointed clergy and lay leaders. A Bishop's Ministry team works across the diocese to support outcomes in parishes.

The Nelson Anglican Diocese is part of the wider Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa, a voluntary member of the compact of dioceses established by the Constitution of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia in 1857. This, in turn, is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion.

Hills Community Church, Mapua, is a Mission District within the Diocese. Whilst it operates as an independent charitable trust, it has a long connection to the Anglican Diocese and accesses the same oversight and support from the Diocese as the parishes.

## Why do we exist? - Our Vision and Mission, Objectives, and Strategic focus

Our **mission** is to cultivate vibrant local communities of faith that radiate the good news of Jesus to the world around them.

Our **vision** is to see the Anglican Diocese of Nelson as a growing all-age whānau of disciples on the adventure of sharing Jesus Christ across the Top of the South and to the world.

## Our key objectives

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia endorses the principles of mission as follows:

(i) To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom; *Tell*

(ii) To teach, baptise and nurture the new believers; *Teach*

(iii) To respond to human needs by loving service; *Tend*

(iv) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation; *Transform*

(v) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth; *Treasure*.

These five marks of mission encompass the key question of what it means to be church.

Within that context, the Nelson Diocese has identified its strategic priorities into the following three **strategic focus** areas:

**Gather**: **Our Mission Pathway**: we are sensitive to, and respond to the needs of people, and we gather people into safe communities where they can explore the purpose and meaning of life

**Grow**: **Our Discipling Pathway**: we seek to teach, train and equip ordinary people to become mature contributors, in character and skill, to the work of transforming society and caring for creation

**Go**: **Our Leadership Pathway**: We seek to identify and invest in potential leaders of all ages, activating them as catalysts for change in the church and transformation in society.

## Changes in reporting from last year

The process of collating previous years' statistics involved significant administrative effort by volunteers and parish administrators. This also impacted on the quality of the data being received and consolidated. This year we have changed some reporting metrics to ones which are easier to collate and in which we have a high degree of confidence in their reliability. We have chosen metrics that best align with our revitalisation strategy, particularly in relation to training, growing and forming leaders (discipling). The outputs are not as important as the organisational infrastructure that is being developed – one that is resilient, flexible and faithful.

During the current year the entity changed the performance measures by deleting some measures and adding others to better reflect outcomes. Comparative information has not been restated because the information necessary to calculate the new measure was not available. Accordingly, the current year's results are not directly comparable with the prior year. The following measures have been introduced:

- Number of sessions and trained leaders for children/parent groups,
- Number of sessions and trained leaders for youth outreach,
- Number of older adult/adult outreach services,
- Number of trained rest home chaplains,
- Number of eldercare workers and the hours they worked,
- Number of Sunday and midweek services,
- Number of parishes providing meals,
- Number of social services projects, funding provided and external grants received,
- Number of op shops and repair cafes.

### What did we do? - Our Key Activities

Our key activities fit together as follows:

| Mark of mission | Strategic Focus area | Description of activities | Examples of activities |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tell | Gather | Activities which have a community outreach focus based on education and training about God | • Alpha courses<br>• Youth sessions<br>• Rest home chaplaincy/outreach |
| Teach | Grow<br><br>*and*<br><br>Go | Activities which increase the understanding, capacity and leadership of church members | • Church services<br>• Camps<br>• Bishopdale Students |
| Tend | Gather | Activities which cater to the needs of all people in society, particularly those who are at disadvantage, are disconnected or who have suffered loss or | • Providing meals<br>• Hardship grants |
| Transform | Go | Activities which challenge structural barriers to promote social justice | • Social Services projects |
| Treasure | Gather | Activities which reflect stewardship of the environment and resources | • Op Shops<br>• Sharing of church buildings/facilities with others |

## B. What did we do? – Our 2025 Focus Areas

### Tell

*"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

Matthew 28:16-18

Much of our gospel outreach work is delivered by our parishes reaching out to their local communities to promote the Gospel Message. This contributed to building a sense of whānau, contributing to social connectedness and spiritual wellbeing. Much of our outreach is relational – building social connections between people of different backgrounds, ages and family status.

There is a renewed focus on reaching young people and family groups – these are people for whom social connectedness can be easily lost. Church groups provide structured activities and relationships. Our investment in youth leadership development is beginning to translate into higher attendances in these groups.

Activities this year included:

| Activity | Performance measure | Performance | | | Trend 24-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Children/Parent Groups | Number of sessions | | | 1,359 | new |
| | Number of trained leaders | | | 97 | new |
| Youth – outreach | Number of sessions | | | 1,024 | new |
| | Number of trained leaders | | | 32 | new |
| Alpha Courses / Adult Outreach | Number | 7 | 12 | 24 | ↗ |
| Older adults/Rest Home services | Number of services | | | 463 | new |
| | Number of trained rest home chaplains | 14 | 22 | 23 | ↗ |
| | Number of eldercare workers | | 19 | 18 | ↘ |
| | Hours worked | | 10,816 | 9,397 | ↘ |

## Teach

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

Timothy 3:16-17

A significant part of our work within our whanau occurs when we gather to be encouraged through teaching and fellowship. Last year Bishopdale College went through a transitional year which ended with three new partnership agreements being signed. The figures below show these new partnerships have resulted in significant growth in the number of Bishopdale students.

Church attendance was up again on last year, giving some encouragement that the church revitalisation programme has made a difference.

Activities this year included:

| Activity | Performance measure | Performance | | | Trend 24-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Church services | Number of Sunday services | n/a | 2,275 | 2,235 | ↘ |
| | Number of midweek services | n/a | 401 | 422 | ↘ |
| | Attendance | 79,594 | 88,768 | 94,285 | ↗ |
| Camps | Family Camps | | | | |
| | Attendance[1] | 190 | 166 | 199 | ↗ |
| | # children | 50 | 45 | 43 | ↘ |
| | # youth | 34 | 17 | 30 | ↗ |
| | # family groups | 34 | 42 | 29 | ↘ |
| | Youth Camps[2] | | | | |
| | Attendance | 190 | 183 | 166 | ↘ |
| Bishopdale College Students | # Formal | 16 | 37 | 55 | ↗ |
| | # Informal | 5 | 3 | 16 | ↗ |
| | # Interns | 7 | 12 | 13 | ↗ |
| Discipleship Pathways | # students | 189 | 336 | 252 | ↘ |
| | # enrolments | 347 | 563 | 363 | ↘ |
| | Web site page visits | 12,865 | 21,217 | 15,330 | ↘ |

**Tend**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Matthew 25:35

The Diocese and its parishes are involved in a wide range of activities that benefit people in our communities. Some parishes deliver social services themselves, using volunteers, others have more formal programmes with paid staff. The Diocese offers hardship grants and project funding for social services that tackle needs in our communities.

Having the post of social services enabler filled early in 2024 has resulted in a significant increase in the number of hardship grants and their value. In 2025 194 people were assisted by the Diocese with the total value of hardship grants exceeding $63,458.

[1] Includes convergence

[2] Includes Easter Camp and Spring Camp.

Activities this year included:

| Activity | Performance measure | Performance | | | Trend 24-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Providing meals | Number of parishes distributing food | n/a | n/a | 15 | new |
| Hardship Grants* | Number provided<br>Total value | 61<br>$35,421 | 197<br>$81,512 | 199<br>$63,458 | new<br>↘ |

*Hardship grants are direct purchase of goods and/or services by the Diocese for those in need. Some examples include: school uniforms, power, counselling, fuel supply, groceries, and out of school activities.

## Transform

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free"*

Luke 4:18

Transformation is most effective where there is a movement of people committed to social change. Church decline over the last several years has meant it has been harder to effect societal change. Our gather-grow-go strategy focuses on building capacity within the church community to enable this movement to develop and grow.

Activities this year included:

| Activity | Performance measure | Performance | | | Trend 24-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Social Services projects | Number funded:<br>Funding provided:<br>External grants received: | 16<br>$123,495<br>**$4,288** | **23**<br>$143,220<br>**$58,000** | **15**<br>**$106,278**<br>**$67,000** | ↘<br>↘<br>↗ |

We are grateful to the following funders:

- Nelson City Council
- Lottery – Community
- Rata Foundation

## Treasure

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.*

Psalm 24:1

The Diocese supports a range of activities that promote sustainable use of resource, including op shops and repair cafes. It also encourages other community groups to share the use of its facilities.

The use of our buildings by community organisations and individuals continues to be strong even though the total number of organisations has decreased.

| **Activity** | **Performance measure** | **Performance** | | | **Trend 24-25** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **2023** | **2024** | **20254** | |
| Op shop/repair cafes | Number | 5 | 5 | 6 | ↗ |
| | Hours open to public | 1,570 | 1,663 | 1,619 | ↘ |
| Community use of church buildings | Number of non-parish groups using buildings* | 190 | 136 | 191 | ↗ |

*Groups/activities using church facilities this year included:

Pilates & fitness classes
Alcoholics Anonymous
Musical performance – practice & lessons
Aerobics class
Amy Little Line dancing
APM workcare meeting
Art Group
B Zwiener Break dance
Ballet Rehearsals
Barbara Drummond – Winter Markets
Baroque Music and Education Trust NZ
Bishopdale Theological College
Blenheim Choral
Blenheim Musical Theatre
Blind & Low Vision Group
Blood Drive
Blue Penguin Trust Board Games
Bolivia Card Group
Brain injury Assn support meetings
Brightwater Scouts
Broadgreen Intermediate
Card Making Group
CCS Disability Action
Celtic Fiddle Club
Chin Community – Chin International Church, weekly on Sundays and Thursday nights
Chroma Choir
Chunky Llama Studios
Civil defence
Claire Stanley vocals
Cloudy Bay Funeral Services
Commercial baker uses kitchen year round
Community Knitters
Counsellors - 2
Dixon House Board Meetings
Elder C.A.R.E
Exercises to Music
Fibre Art Group
Fiddlesticks
Filipino Society
Free church of Tonga choir practice and youth group
Garden Marlborough
Glenna Armstrong Tap Dance – Mon/Tue Weekly during term time
Greymouth Old Time Dance Club
Group ukelele classes for one term
Marlborough Greypower
Marsden House
Seniors Pop-In
Simple Direct Funerals

Haven Choir

Health NZ Te Whatu Ora Nelson Marlborough
Heritage Marlborough
Highland Dance Group
Historical Society – once a month on Mondays 6.30-10pm from February to November
Home School group – board games

Horticultural Society
I Sognatori
Idea Services Ltd Indoor Bowls

Jan Piper-Lind Dancing
Jess Hannah Dance and Pilates
Jesus is Lord Church - Sun Weekly

John Bertrand Collectables

Kai Rescue Keep fit
KiaKaha for Ukraine group
Kidz Club after school programme
Koroua Kua
Leukaemia & Blood Cancer
Line Dancing Group
Literacy Aotearoa DL study
M Whitley Yoga

MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
Mahjong
Maitai School

Marg Buchanan and students
Marlborough Chinese Assn

Marlborough District Council
Rural Women Samoan Methodist Congregation. Weekly on Sundays, plus extra bookings.

Middleton Grange School Multicultural Group
Music and Movement Under 5's

Narcotics Anonymous
Nelson Bays Harmony
Nelson City Brass Band

Nelson Civic Choir

Nelson College for Girls
Nelson Male Voice choir
Nelson Organ Festival

Nelson Sun City Cloggers Nelson
Nelson Youth Choir
New Coasters Nurture @ Home

Occasional Group dinners (eg Quilter's Group)
Oddessy House
Off Your Rockers
Oranga Tamariki
Organ Work (Lee Girls)
Picton Line Dance
Pilates
Poutini Wai Ora
Probus groups from both Richmond and Nelson
Quiet Heart Tai chi
Tai Chi
Quilters Group

Rest Home Games
Resthome Chaplains

Rhythm & Grace Dance School
Sara Irvine Melt classes
SAYGO run by Age Concern
School classes
Seasonal Solutions co-op

Students from NMIT

Sue Ransom yoga

Table Tennis Club
Tai Chi
Talklink Support training

Tasman District Council
Tasman mental health training
Tasman Visual Art Group
Tasmonics
Te Mana Hā

Te Piki Oranga Te Reo classes
Te Whare Creative Craft group
Tea & Talk

The Blue Door

The Hummin' Strummers
The Nelson Symphony Orchestra
Tiny Nation Tongan Methodist Congregation
Tongan Wesleyan Church
TOTS Rock n Roll Club
Trefoil Guild
Tū Mataika

Upbeat Orchestra
Waimea Garden Club
Waimea South Historical Society meetings
West Coast DHB
West Coast Federation of Women's Institute
Westland Rose Society
Whanake Youth Hui
Women's Institute
Write Your Memories Human

## Human Resource/Organisational Capability

In addition to the 5 marks of mission, the Diocese is committed to ongoing investment in its people to equip and enable them to deliver on our mission.

| Activity | Performance measure | Performance | | | Trend 24-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
| Paid Parish Staff | Hours worked | 90,346 | 81,402 | 69,748 | |
| Leadership Conference attendees | Number | 170 | 156 | 160 | |

## C. Highlights from the year

### Haire Mai

Haere Mai was a diocesan-wide evangelism initiative delivered during 2025 following a Synod resolution to prioritise outreach and community engagement. The initiative provided a shared framework and branding under which parishes were encouraged to plan and deliver locally appropriate activities that supported community connection and opportunities to explore Christian faith. Diocesan support included coordination, communication, training resources, and matching-fund grants.

At least eleven parishes participated formally through the funding scheme, with others engaging informally. Activities included community hospitality events, faith-exploration courses, seasonal services, and creative outreach initiatives. Parishes retained discretion over delivery, enabling alignment with local contexts while contributing to a recognisable diocesan programme.

Feedback from participating parishes indicated increased confidence in planning outreach activities and reduced barriers to participation. Modest financial support and shared promotional resources enabled activities that may not otherwise have occurred. Key learnings included the effectiveness of combining diocesan coordination with parish-level ownership and the value of a light-touch, enabling approach to resourcing parish mission.

### Growing Depth through discipleship and leadership formation

Growing depth through discipleship and leadership formation was supported through structured programmes, formational communities, and diocesan leadership gatherings. A key initiative was Healthy Shoots Kākano, a local mission incubator that provides a nine-month journey of weekly discipleship, supported by three residential retreats focused on discipleship, mission, and personal calling. Since its inception, Kākano has engaged approximately 60 participants, many of whom are lay leaders actively involved in parish life, with reported growth in leadership confidence and missional engagement.

Depth formation was further supported through Wayfinder Vision Days, which worked with parishes including Buller, Greymouth, Hira, Wairau, Kaikōura, and Motueka, supporting leadership discernment, strategic clarity, and aligned local decision-making. Diocesan leadership gatherings and camps also contributed, including the Convergence Family Camp, which regularly attracts 120+ participants, supporting intergenerational discipleship and leadership development.

These initiatives demonstrate the effectiveness of sustained, relational formation pathways in deepening discipleship and developing leadership capacity across the Diocese.

## D. Looking forward – Church Revitalisation 2026

Bishop Steve's message to Synod 2025, *Hearts that Burn*, marked a further step in the Diocese's revitalisation journey. Following earlier recognition of decline (*the hole in the bucket*), renewed hope (*hope in the boat*), and fruitfulness (*harvest in the basket*), the Bishop called the Diocese to attend not only to strategy and activity, but to **spiritual depth, conviction, and passion for Jesus**. The emphasis shifted from *what we do* to *who we are becoming* as disciples and communities shaped by Christ for mission. Activities to support that include:

### Deepening Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

In 2026 the Diocese will give sustained attention to spiritual formation as the foundation for long-term revitalisation. Building on the Bishop's 2025 charge, Hearts that Burn, this focus recognises that outward mission is sustained only where clergy and lay leaders are themselves being formed through prayer, Scripture, worship, and shared discipleship. Diocesan programmes and parish life will continue to emphasise rhythms of prayer, engagement with the Scriptures, and practices that nurture attentiveness to God. Discipleship initiatives such as Kākano and other formational communities will be supported as key pathways for developing mature, resilient disciples whose faith is integrated into everyday life.

### Embedding Cultures of Invitation and Mission

Rather than treating evangelism as a time-limited project, the focus for 2026 is to embed learning from Haere Mai into the ordinary rhythms of parish life. Parishes will be encouraged to reflect on what has been learned about hospitality, invitation, and confidence in sharing faith, and to translate these insights into ongoing practice. This includes sustaining low-barrier points of connection, strengthening relational outreach, and supporting parish leaders to nurture a culture where invitation is normal, prayer-supported, and shared across the whole church community.

### Strengthening Leadership Capacity and Local Discernment

A further focus for 2026 is the ongoing development of leadership capacity across parishes. This includes supporting lay and ordained leaders to discern vision, set priorities, and lead adaptively in changing contexts. Initiatives such as Wayfinder Vision Days, leadership training cohorts, and diocesan gatherings will continue to support strategic clarity, collaboration, and leadership succession. This work reflects a commitment to equipping leaders not only with skills, but with theological confidence, relational maturity, and spiritual depth to sustain faithful ministry into the future.

### Prayer

Prayer remains a foundational focus for 2026. Building on the Leadership Conference theme "Going deeper with Jesus", parishes and leaders are encouraged to renew commitment to spiritual disciplines, including prayer, Scripture, and disciple-making. This focus echoes the Bishop's Charge, which emphasised that lasting revitalisation requires hearts shaped by sustained encounter with Christ, not activity alone.

## E. Key Judgements

Changes in reporting from last year - The process of collating previous years' statistics involved significant administrative effort by volunteers and parish administrators. This also impacted on the quality of the data being received and consolidated. Estimates of attendance at groups and events were particularly unreliable. This year we have changed some reporting metrics to ones which are easier to collate, are evidence-based and in which we have a high degree of confidence in their reliability.

The Diocese carries out a wide range of activities and collects a wide range of statistics. It is not possible to summarise all of these in a meaningful way. Key judgements include:

1. 2025 data reflects a deliberate shift toward conservative, event-based counting rather than attendance estimation used in earlier years.
2. Some apparent decreases between 2024 and 2025 reflect improved data discipline and avoidance of double counting rather than a reduction in ministry activity.
3. Activities capable of fitting multiple Marks of Mission are reported once only, under the most appropriate primary category.
4. Reporting is aggregated at diocesan level rather than parish level to reflect episcopal governance structures and avoid distortion caused by parish size variation.
5. Using the Marks of Mission as a framework for our activities. Whilst some non-financial measures do not fit well within this framework (for example organisational capacity building measures such as leadership training) it does allow a cross-section of our activities to be reported upon. It also allows some comparability with other Dioceses who use the same framework
6. Excluding theological and biblical foundation of the Church from the service performance measures information because the reporting focus is on the impact of the Church's activities on the community rather than on doctrinal issues.
7. Being selective with statistics generated by Hills Community Church. There is potential duplication with their own activity reporting, and we have restricted reporting in this document to activities in Hills Community Church that have Diocesan oversight or funding.

## Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUE FROM NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS** | | | |
| Fundraising and donations | 6 | 3,455,998 | 3,399,042 |
| Government grants and subsidies | | 3,360 | 3,118 |
| Grants Revenue | 6 | 456,851 | 555,060 |
| **Total revenue from non-exchange transactions** | | 3,916,209 | 3,957,220 |
| **REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS** | | | |
| Sale of goods | | 139,844 | 128,972 |
| Rendering of services | | 739,990 | 1,012,050 |
| Rental income | | 3,034,817 | 2,836,390 |
| Dividend income | | 589,681 | 544,386 |
| Other income | 10 | 58,204 | 62,720 |
| **Total revenue from exchange transactions** | | 4,562,536 | 4,584,518 |
| **TOTAL REVENUE** | | 8,478,745 | 8,541,738 |
| **EXPENSES** | | | |
| Direct cost of public fundraising | | 8,337 | 8,442 |
| Cost of goods sold | | 351 | 426 |
| Service delivery costs | | 432,193 | 356,793 |
| Wages, salaries and other employee costs | | 4,359,403 | 4,398,874 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses | 8 | 215,860 | 209,694 |
| Grants and donations | | 431,327 | 685,262 |
| Other overhead and administrative expenses | 7 | 3,215,623 | 3,221,256 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | | 8,663,094 | 8,880,747 |
| Interest income | 9 | 1,189,240 | 1,282,515 |
| Finance costs | 9 | (80,328) | (122,152) |
| **NET SURPLUS FROM FINANCE ACTIVITIES** | | 1,108,912 | 1,160,363 |
| **OPERATING SURPLUS** | | **924,563** | **821,354** |
| **Provision for redress** | 29 | (2,048) | 1,124 |
| **OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)** | | | |
| Gain/(loss) on fair value of investment properties | | (1,885,000) | (170,000) |
| Gain/(loss) on sale of assets | | (799) | (652) |
| Gain/(loss) attributable to Non- Group Entities | | 992 | (741) |
| Gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through surplus or deficit | | 1,103,380 | 668,691 |
| Other gains/(losses) | | 69,720 | (282,550) |
| **TOTAL OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)** | | (711,707) | 214,748 |
| **SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR** | | **210,808** | **1,037,226** |

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## Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR** | | 210,808 | 1,037,226 |
| **OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES** | | | |
| *Movements that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in subsequent periods:* | | | |
| Gain/(loss) on revaluation of Property Plant and Equipment | | 165,649 | 1,963,526 |
| - Current year fair value gains/(losses) Property Plant and Equipment | | | |
| **Total other comprehensive revenue and expense** | | 165,649 | 1,963,526 |
| **TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR** | | **376,457** | **3,000,752** |

These financial statements have been authorised for issue by Standing Committee on 02 July 2026

Chairman — Date: 2-Jul-26

Finance Manager — Date: 2-Jul-26

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## Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2025

| | Notes | Group 2024 $ | Group 2023 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | | |
| **Current** | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 11 | 1,975,906 | 1,172,410 |
| Receivables from exchange transactions | 12 | 324,926 | 475,660 |
| Receivables from non-exchange transactions | 12 | 56,210 | 35,260 |
| Prepayments | | 459,231 | 587,074 |
| Other current financial assets | 15 | 3,092,193 | 5,518,081 |
| **Total current assets** | | 5,908,466 | 7,788,485 |
| **Non-current** | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 13 | 72,499,135 | 71,938,593 |
| Investment properties | 14 | 27,761,875 | 29,646,875 |
| Other non-current financial assets | 15 | 32,538,757 | 28,913,051 |
| **Total non-current assets** | | 132,799,767 | 130,498,519 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | | 138,708,233 | 138,287,004 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | | |
| **Current** | | | |
| Payables under exchange transactions | 16 | 274,944 | 243,270 |
| Deferred revenue | 18 | 218,193 | 172,040 |
| Employee entitlements | 17 | 392,351 | 430,293 |
| Call Deposits Non-Group | 20 | 34,399 | 32,838 |
| Provisions | 29 | 130,000 | 130,000 |
| Permanent Trusts - Income Non-Group | 20 | 314,805 | 301,694 |
| Licence to Occupy Obligation | 19 | 617,099 | 597,529 |
| **Total current liabilities** | | 1,981,791 | 1,907,664 |
| **Non-current** | | | |
| Permanent Trusts - Capital Non-Group | 20 | 2,082,893 | 2,111,257 |
| Unallocated Investment Gains | 20 | 39,114 | 40,106 |
| **Total non-current liabilities** | | 2,122,007 | 2,151,363 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | | 4,103,798 | 4,059,027 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | **134,604,435** | **134,227,977** |
| **EQUITY** | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 21 | 60,358,156 | 60,924,127 |
| Accumulated Funds | | 10,581,466 | 9,804,686 |
| Revaluation Reserves | 21 | 63,664,813 | 63,499,164 |
| **TOTAL EQUITY** | | **134,604,435** | **134,227,977** |

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## Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended 31 December 2025

| Group | Notes | Restricted Funds $ | Accumulated Funds $ | Revaluation Reserves $ | Total Equity $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance 1 January 2025 | | 60,924,127 | 9,804,686 | 63,499,164 | 134,227,977 |
| Surplus for the year | | - | 210,808 | - | 210,808 |
| Other comprehensive revenue and expenses | | - | | 165,649 | 165,649 |
| Total comprehensive revenue and expense | | - | 210,808 | 165,649 | 376,457 |
| **Transfers within Group** | | | | | |
| Transfer to/(from) restricted funds in the year | | (565,971) | 565,971 | - | - |
| Transfer to/ (from) Revaluation reserves in the year | | | | | - |
| Balance 31 December 2025 | 21 | 60,358,156 | 10,581,466 | 63,664,813 | 134,604,435 |
| Balance 1 January 2024 | | 60,330,480 | 9,361,107 | 61,535,638 | 131,227,225 |
| Surplus for the year | | - | 1,037,226 | - | 1,037,226 |
| Other comprehensive revenue and expenses | | - | | 1,963,526 | 1,963,526 |
| Total comprehensive revenue and expense | | - | 1,037,226 | 1,963,526 | 3,000,752 |
| **Transfers within Group** | | | | | |
| Transfer to/(from) restricted funds in the year | | 593,647 | (593,647) | - | - |
| Transfer on sale of property | | - | | | - |
| Transfer to/ (from) Revaluation reserves in the year | | | | | - |
| Balance 31 December 2024 | 21 | 60,924,127 | 9,804,686 | 63,499,164 | 134,227,977 |

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## Diocese Of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash flow from operating activities | | | |
| *Cash was provided from/(applied to):* | | | |
| Fundraising, donations, grants and bequests | | 3,963,071 | 3,803,306 |
| Receipts from goods and services provided | | 4,068,075 | 4,015,289 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (7,884,242) | (7,763,021) |
| Interest and dividends received | | 1,745,458 | 1,628,102 |
| Grants, contributions and sponsorship paid | | (431,327) | (685,262) |
| Net cash from/(used in) operating activities | | 1,461,035 | 998,414 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | | | |
| *Cash was provided from/(applied to):* | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | | 2,313 | 30,297 |
| Proceeds from Minor Loans | | 48,558 | 333,051 |
| Proceeds from sale of financial assets | | 5,017,118 | 5,338,978 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | (603,174) | (629,225) |
| Purchase of financial assets | | (5,005,260) | (7,047,865) |
| Trust Account Movements - Non Group | | (117,095) | (298,095) |
| Net cash from/(used in) investing activities | | (657,540) | (2,272,859) |
| Cash flow from financing activities | | | |
| Net cash from/(used in) financing activities | | - | - |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 803,496 | (1,274,445) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year | | 1,172,410 | 2,446,855 |
| Effect of exchange differences on foreign cash held | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year | 11 | 1,975,906 | 1,172,410 |

*These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.*

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## Notes to the financial statements

**1 Reporting entity**

These financial statements comprise the financial statements of The Diocese of Nelson (the "Diocese") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Diocese of Nelson is a branch of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Diocese is a registered charitable organisation with the Charities Commission and is exempt from Income Tax.

These financial statements include the Diocese of Nelson, Parishes of the Diocese, Nelson Diocese Trust Board (NDTB) and Bishopdale Theological College (BTC).

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**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Tier 2 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the New Zealand External Reporting Board (XRB). They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Public Sector Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (NZ IPSAS with RDR) and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards as appropriate to Public Benefit Entities.

The Diocese and Parishes have valued property at rateable value which is a departure from recognised practice under NZ IPSAS 17 as considered not practical to have each property independently valued. NZ IPSAS 17 permits plant and equipment to be measured at cost or fair value less accumulated depreciation and impairment. The rateable value may differ materially from the market fair value. Investment Properties held in NDTB are valued at independently assessed market value. The value of other heritage and donated assets has not been recognised in these financial statements and could be significant.

The Diocese is eligible to report in accordance with Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards on the basis that is does not have public accountability and annual expenditure does not exceed $30 million.

The Diocese is deemed a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes, as its primary objective is to provide services to the community for social benefit and has been established with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than a financial return.

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical costs basis, except for some assets that have been measured at fair value and rateable values.

The accrual basis of accounting has been used unless otherwise stated and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**(c) Presentation currency**

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

(d) **Comparatives**

The comparative financial period is 12 months.

(e) **Changes in accounting policies**

The Group has not adopted any standards or interpretations on issue that are not yet effective. The standards are expected to be adopted in the period in which they become mandatory.

**3. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The accounting policies of the Diocese have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below:

**(a) Basis of consolidation**

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Diocese and all entities over which the Diocese has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from their activities.

All subsidiaries have a 31 December balance date and consistent accounting policies are applied.

The consolidation of the Diocese and entities involves adding together like terms of assets, liabilities, income and expenses on a line-by-line basis. All significant intra-Diocese balances are eliminated on consolidation of Diocese financial position, performance and cash flows.

**(b) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks with original maturities of three months or less, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

The Diocese has no approved bank overdraft limits.

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**(c) Financial instruments – initial recognition and subsequent measurement**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

**Financial assets**

***Initial recognition and measurement***

The Groups financial assets include: cash, short- and long--term deposits, trade and other receivables, owner occupier and other mortgages, group loans and bonds. All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure (FVOCRE) – debt investment; FVOCRE – equity investment; or Fair Value Through Surplus or Deficit (FVTSD). Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its management model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the management model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTSD:

- It is held within a management model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- Its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt investment is measured at FVOCRE if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTSD:

- It is held within a management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- Its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCRE. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCRE as described above are measured at FVTSD. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCRE as at FVTSD if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

***Subsequent measurement***

Financial assets classified as measured at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income and impairment losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in surplus or deficit.

***Impairment of non-derivative financial assets***

The Group recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on:
- financial assets measured at amortised cost; and
- debt investments measured at FVOCRE.

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:
- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

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The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due without explanation.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

***Measurement of ECLs***

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

***Credit-impaired financial assets***

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCRE are credit-impaired.

**Financial liabilities**

***Initial recognition and measurement***

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit, payables, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of payables and loans and borrowings, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and loans and borrowings (including bank overdrafts).

In addition, Funds are held and managed by the Group on behalf of Group and non-Group entities. Although the Group is the legal owner of the Investment Assets, the Group has no beneficial interest in these assets and therefore the funds invested are held as liabilities by the Group. See notes 17,18 & 19 for the details of such liabilities.

***Subsequent measurement***

*Financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit*

Financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through surplus or deficit.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by PBE IPSAS 29. Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through surplus or deficit are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in PBE IPSAS 29 are satisfied. The Group has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through surplus or deficit.

*Financial liabilities at amortised cost*

This is the category of financial liabilities that is most relevant to the Group. After initial recognition, trade and other payables and interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Gains or losses are recognised in surplus or deficit when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process. The effective interest rate amortisation is included as finance costs in the statement of financial performance.

Trade and other payables are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Due to their short-term nature they are not discounted.

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The majority of the Groups liabilities are to the trusts for which they hold investments. These are paid interest rates dependant on the Groups returns which vary year to year. Their amortised cost is assuming to be their establishment cost.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

*Derecognition*

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, waivered, cancelled, or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing. liability are substantially modified, then such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

*Fair value of financial instruments*

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs. In the absence of an active market, the fair value of financial instruments is measured using valuation techniques with the objective of estimating what the transaction price would have been on the measurement date in an arm's length exchange motivated by normal operating considerations.

**(d) Property, plant and equipment**

Except for land and buildings, items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Low value assets are written off in the year of purchase.

**Additions and subsequent costs**

Subsequent costs and the cost replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset if, and only if, it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential will flow to the Diocese and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

In most instances, an item of plant and equipment is recognised at its cost. Where an asset is acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, it is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date.

All repairs and maintenance expenditure is charged to surplus or deficit in the year in which the expense is incurred.

Building earthquake strengthening costs are added to the carrying value of the asset when the costs are incurred.

**Disposals**

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal.

When an item of property, plant or equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the surplus or deficit is calculated as the difference between the net sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset.

Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being sold is reclassified to accumulated funds.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is recognised as an expense in the reported surplus or deficit and measured on a straight value (SL) basis on all plant and equipment over the estimated useful life of the asset. The following depreciation rates have been applied at each class of fixed asset:

| | |
|---|---|
| Buildings | not depreciated |
| Leasehold Improvements | 10 years |
| Furniture and Fittings | 5-25 years |
| Office Equipment | 3-5 years |

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated remaining life of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

The residual value, useful life, and depreciation methods of property, plant and equipment is reassessed annually

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**Revaluations**
Land and buildings held for Christian Purposes (Churches, Halls and other Church buildings) are revalued to rateable value. Investment Properties are valued at fair value on an annual basis to ensure that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the end of the reporting period.

The Nativity Court units, retirement units in Blenheim occupied on a Licence to Occupy basis, are revalued annually based on net present value. The units are being discontinued as retirement units so as each Licence to Occupy ceases and the occupant obligation is paid the unit is initially recognised at fair value then revalued to rateable value.

After initial recognition, Investment Property subject to revaluation whose fair value can be measured reliably shall be carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the revaluation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Fair value is determined by reference to market based evidence, which is the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between a willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction as at the valuation date.

Revaluations are performed on a class-by-class basis with the exception of Property. Buildings held for Christian purposes are considered a separate class from Investment Property. If an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, the entire class to which the asset belongs is revalued.

Any revaluation surplus is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expenses and credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity, unless the increase relates to a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Any revaluation deficit is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expenses and credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity to the extent of the revaluation reserve balance accumulated from previous year gains. When no revaluation reserve balance is available to offset a revaluation loss the revaluation deficit is reported within the surplus or deficit for the year.

**(e) Investment property**

Investment property is property primarily held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs.

Investment property acquired through a non-exchange transaction is measured at its fair value at the date of acquisition.

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value, which is based on active market prices, adjusted if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset at the reporting date.

Fair value is determined annually by external professional valuers with sufficient experience with respect to both the location and the nature of investment property and supported by market evidence.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are recognised in surplus or deficit in the year in which they arise.

When the use of investment property changes such that it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting.

Investment properties are derecognised either when they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit or service potential is expected from its disposal. While the property is available for sale but before the sale is unconditional the property will be held at the lower of fair value or estimated net sale proceeds.

Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in surplus or deficit in the year of retirement or disposal.

**(f) Leased assets**

Leases where the Diocese assumes substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased assets, are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Upon initial recognition finance leased assets are measured at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of minimum leased payments at inception of the lease. A matching liability is recognised for minimum lease payment obligations excluding the effective interest expense. Subsequent to initial recognition, the asset is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to the asset.

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the surplus or deficit on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease. Associated costs, such as maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.

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**(g) Employee entitlements**
**Short- term employee benefits**

Employee benefits, previously earned from past services, that the Diocese expect to be settled within 12 months of reporting date are measured based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay.

These include gross salaries and wages accrued up to the reporting date and annual leave earned,but not yet taken at the reporting date.

**Termination benefits**
Termination benefits are recognised as an expense when the Diocese is committed without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to terminate employment, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if the Diocese has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probable that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably. If benefits are payable more than 12 months after the reporting date, then they are discounted to their present value.

**Long-term benefits**
No accrual has been made for long service leave within the Diocese.

**(h) Revenue**
Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Diocese and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received.

The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised:

**Revenue from non-exchange transactions**
A non-exchange transaction is where the Diocese either receives value from another entity without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange or gives value to another entity without directly receiving approximately equal value in exchange.

When non-exchange revenue is received with conditions attached, the asset is recognised with a matching liability. As the conditions are satisfied the liability is decreased and revenue recognised.

When non-exchange revenue is received with restrictions attached, but no requirement to return the asset if not deployed as specified, then revenue is recognised on receipt.

Condition stipulation – funds received are required to be used for a specific purpose, with a requirement to return unused funds.

Restriction stipulation – funds received are required to be used for a specific purpose, with no requirement to return unused funds.

**Donations, grants and bequests**
Donations and grant income is recognised as revenue when received and all associated obligations have been met. Where grants have been given for a specific purpose, or with conditions attached, income is not recognised until agreed upon services and conditions have been satisfied. Government grants relating to income are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related services when performed. Grants received for which the requirements and services have not been met is treated as "income in advance" under current liabilities.
To the extent that there is a condition attached that would give rise to a liability to repay the grant amount or to return the granted asset, a deferred revenue liability is recognised instead of revenue. Revenue is then recognised only once the Diocese has satisfied these conditions.Bequests are recognised when the bequest is notified rather than when the funds are received. All donations that are unconditional are recognised upon receipt rather than commencement of specific projects (such as building projects).

**Restricted Funding**
When donation funding has been provided for specific future investment purposes or to meet specific future costs of the Diocese, the initial donation received is recognised as income in the reported surplus or deficit and then transferred in the Statement of Movements in Equity from Accumulated Funds to a separate "Restricted Funds" equity reserve. This treatment recognises that restricted funding received is preserved in investments and the income only can be used to fund future costs or held as on Call funds to meet specific future costs of the Diocese.

**Sale of goods**
Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the Diocese has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods supplied. Significant risks and rewards are generally considered to be transferred to the buyer when the customer has taken undisputed delivery of the goods.

**Licence to Occupy Contributions**
The Units at Blenheim Parish are a Licence to Occupy and within the agreements amounts are settled on termination of the occupation licence. The Diocese accrues the amount of the termination settlement over the estimated life of the occupation on a straight line basis. The settlement difference between the accrual and the legal obligation to pay is held in the Statement of Financial Position as deferred income.

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**Rendering of services**

Revenue from services rendered is recognised in the surplus or deficit in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed by reference to surveys of work performed. Under this method, revenue is recognised in the accounting periods in which the services are provided.

When the contract outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that are recoverable.

**Interest income**

Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

**Dividend income**

Dividend income is recognised on the date that rights to receive payments are established.

**Rental income**

Rental income arising from rental premises is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Donated services**

The operations of the Diocese are reliant on services provided by volunteers. Volunteer services received are not recognised as revenue or expenditure.

(i) Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds. The Diocese have chosen not to capitalise borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets.

(j) Income tax

Due to its charitable status, the Diocese is exempt from income tax.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

All amounts in these financial statements are shown exclusive of GST, except for receivables and payables that are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

**4. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NZ IPSAS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Where material, information on significant judgements, estimates and assumptions is provided in the relevant accounting policy or provided in the relevant note disclosure.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates are subject to on-going review and actual results may differ from these estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised and in future years affected.

The following are significant management judgements in applying the accounting policies of the Diocese that have a significant effect on the financial statements:

**Impairment**

The Diocese assess the impairment of all assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Diocese and to the particular asset that might lead to impairment.

**Fair value measurement of financial instruments**

When the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted price in active markets, the fair value is measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values.

Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

**Revaluation of property, plant and equipment and Investment Properties**

The Diocese carries its Investment Properties at revalued amounts. Investment properties have been independently valued at fair value using comparable prices adjusted for specific market factors such as nature, location and condition of the property. If any of these factors change in subsequent years then this may materially affect the value of the Investment Properties.

Land and buildings (generally held within Parishes) are valued by reference to Local Body 3 yearly rateable values. It is not practicable to have each property independently valued and it is acknowledged that RV is not generally compliant with IPSAS for fair value measurement. No depreciation is calculated for Land and Buildings as it is expected that the value of Land and Buildings will increase at each 3 year revaluation by Quotable Value.

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### Useful lives and residual values

The useful lives and residual values of assets has been predominately based on historical experience and the following may be taken into account:

- The nature of the asset, its susceptibility and adaptability to changes in technology and processes. Adjustments to useful life are made when considered necessary.

### Other Non-Group Entities

- The Diocese has the ability to elect 1 trustee to Mapua Hills Community Church but has no ability to control, direct or significantly influence the activities of the church.
- The Diocese manages applications to The Mary Foster Barham Trust. Beneficiaries of the Trust are children of Nelson and Richmond who are not necessarily church members. The Diocese is in effect acting as The Trustee for present and future beneficiaries.
- The St Andrews Trust Board members are appointed by the St Andrews Trust Board itself and therefore the Diocese does not have direct control over the decisions of the Board.
- The Diocese does not appoint the members of the Nelson Mission to Seafarers Board and therefore does not have direct control over the decisions of the Board
- The Diocese does not appoint the members of the Port Nelson Mission To Seafarers Board and therefore does not have direct control over the decisions of the Board
- Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu is a separate Diocese within Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia over which the Nelson Diocese has no control.
- NDTB manage funds on behalf of these entities and the financial statements hold their assets within a pool with a corresponding liability to the Non- Group Entities ( see Note 21).

**Licence to Occupy Units in Blenheim**

*Occupancy Tenure*- The calculation for the recognition of LTO contribution in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense is based on an estimate of the expected tenure of the occupiers. The expected period of tenure used is nine years based on historical information.

**Restricted Funds**

Some donors specify that the capital is to be invested in perpetuity and the income generated from that capital is available either for the discretion of the Trustees or in some instances for specified purposes. When the income is for specified purposes then the Trustees deem it to be restricted funds. In certain circumstances, the Trustees may allocate funds donated for a specific purpose and these funds are therefore not available for general use and are also restricted.

**5. Associated Entities**

The consolidated financial statements of the Diocese include the following entities:

| Name of Consolidating Entities | Principal activity | Country of incorporation |
|---|---|---|
| Nelson Diocese (Parent) | To provide administration and support functions to Parishes and other entities | New Zealand |
| Nelson Diocese Trust Board | To manage commercial and investment activities of the Diocese | New Zealand |
| Bishopdale Theological College | To deliver Anglican education at a Tertiary level within the Diocese | New Zealand |
| All Saints Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Atawhai Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Awatere Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Blenheim Nativity Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Blenheim South Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Buller Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Cathedral | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Cobden Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Golden Bay Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Greymouth Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Havelock Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Kaikoura Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Motueka Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Picton Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Reefton Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Richmond Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Spring Creek Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Stoke Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Tahunanui Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Victory Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Waimea Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Wairau Valley Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |
| Wakefield Anglican Parish | Parish in the Top of the South providing Anglican religious community | New Zealand |

All the above entities have a 31 December reporting date.

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### 6 Revenue

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Fundraising Revenue** | | |
| Offerings and general donations | 3,243,873 | 3,074,304 |
| Bequests | 143,917 | 257,077 |
| Other Fundraising activities | 68,208 | 67,661 |
| **Total fundraising revenue** | 3,455,998 | 3,399,042 |
| **Grants Revenue** | | |
| St Johns College | 289,895 | 399,528 |
| External Grants to Parishes | 85,530 | 85,002 |
| Other | 81,426 | 70,530 |
| **Total grant revenue** | 456,851 | 555,060 |

### 7 Other Overhead and Administrative Expenses

*The following amounts were expensed in the surplus/(deficit) for the year:*

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Audit fees | 84,430 | 75,850 |
| Other Expenses including Office Expenses | 643,095 | 587,300 |
| Insurances | 353,543 | 456,979 |
| Property and equipment costs | 2,134,555 | 2,101,128 |
| **Total other overhead and administrative expenses** | 3,215,623 | 3,221,257 |

### 8 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 215,860 | 209,694 |
| **Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses** | 215,860 | 209,694 |

### 9 Finance income and costs

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Financing income** | | |
| Interest Income on Mortgages | 24,800 | 37,834 |
| Other Interest | 129,428 | 198,393 |
| Interest income on bank deposits and bonds | 1,035,012 | 1,046,288 |
| **Total finance income** | 1,189,240 | 1,282,515 |
| **Financing expenditure** | | |
| Interest expense - borrowings | (80,328) | (122,152) |
| **Total finance costs** | (80,328) | (122,152) |

### 10 Other income

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Other Miscellaneous Income | 58,204 | 62,720 |
| **Total other income** | 58,204 | 62,720 |

### 11 Cash and cash equivalents

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 1,972,906 | 1,172,410 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 1,972,906 | 1,172,410 |

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates their fair value.
Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates on daily deposit balances.
Short term deposits are made for varying periods of between one to three months depending of the immediate cash requirements of the Diocese and earn interest at respective short-term deposit rates.

### 12 Receivables

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade receivables | 324,926 | 475,660 |
| Other receivables | 56,210 | 35,260 |
| **Total receivables** | 381,136 | 510,920 |

Trade receivables and other receivables are non-interest bearing and receipt is normally on 30 days terms. Therefore the carrying value of trade receivables and other receivables approximates its fair value.

Any bequests where the amounts have been advised but not yet received have been accrued in the year the bequest was advised. As at 31 December 2024 and 2025, all overdue receivables have been assessed for impairment and appropriate allowances made.

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### 13 Property, plant and equipment

Movements for each class of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

| Group 2025 | Land and Buildings $ | Other Plant and Equipment $ | Total $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Gross carrying amount** | 71,055,839 | 2,639,753 | 73,695,592 |
| Additions | 352,022 | 274,722 | 626,744 |
| Disposals | - | (8,395) | (8,395) |
| Transfer to Assets for Sale | - | | - |
| Revaluation movements | 165,649 | - | 165,649 |
| Closing balance | 71,573,510 | 2,906,081 | 74,479,591 |
| **Accumulated depreciation and impairment** | | | |
| Opening balance | - | 1,757,000 | 1,757,000 |
| Depreciation for the year | - | 215,860 | 215,860 |
| Depreciation written back on disposal | - | 7,596 | 7,596 |
| Closing balance | - | 1,980,456 | 1,980,456 |
| **Carrying amount 31 December 2025** | 71,573,510 | 925,625 | 72,499,135 |

| Group 2024 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Gross carrying amount** | 68,768,712 | 2,520,438 | 71,289,150 |
| Additions | 323,603 | 216,215 | 539,818 |
| Disposals | - | (96,900) | (96,900) |
| Transfer to Assets for Sale | - | | - |
| Revaluation movements | 1,963,524 | - | 1,963,524 |
| Closing balance | 71,055,839 | 2,639,753 | 73,695,592 |
| **Accumulated depreciation and impairment** | | | |
| Opening balance | - | 1,644,206 | 1,644,206 |
| Depreciation for the year | - | 209,695 | 209,695 |
| Depreciation written back on disposal | - | (96,900) | (96,900) |
| Closing balance | - | 1,757,001 | 1,757,001 |
| **Carrying amount 31 December 2024** | 71,055,839 | 882,752 | 71,938,591 |

#### Revaluations

The Diocese have used rateable values as provided by the Local Government Agency, to determine the fair value of land and buildings.

The majority of buildings are churches within the Diocese which are held in perpetuity for religious activities.

The effective date of the revaluation was the latest available valuation at 31 December 2025.

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**14 Investment property**

| | Group 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Opening balance | 29,646,875 | 29,816,875 |
| Fair value gain/ (loss) for the year | (1,885,000) | (170,000) |
| Additions/(Disposals) of Investment Property | | |
| **Closing balance investment property** | 27,761,875 | 29,646,875 |

Investment property includes real estate properties in New Zealand, which are held to earn rents and for capital appreciation purposes. Leases are generally sought for a period of more than 5 years and rents are regularly assessed for market value. Rent reviews periods vary but all properties have a prescribed review process.

The Diocese has no restrictions on the realisability of its investment property and no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or for repairs, maintenance and enhancements.

### Revaluations

The Diocese engaged Bayleys accredited valuers that use the International Valuation Standards Committee, International Valuation Standards as a reference, to determine the fair value of investment properties.

In determining fair value, the expected net cash flows applicable to each investment property have been discounted to the present value using a market determined, risk adjusted, discount rate applicable to the respective asset.

For some of the Investment Property held, there was a lack of comparable market data. A significant degree of judgement was applied by the independent Valuer to determine the investment property fair value. Changes in these assumptions could materially impact the reported fair value of the Investment Property.

| | | Group 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Nelson Properties** | **Nelson Properties** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 8% | 8.00% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 6.75% | 6.75% |
| **Dunedin Properties** | **Dunedin Properties** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 7.25-8.25% | 7.25-8.25% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 5.25-7% | 5.25-7% |
| **Christchurch Properties** | **Christchurch Properties`** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 7.25-8.5% | 7.75-8.5% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 5.75-7.25% | 6.25-7.75% |

Significant increases (decreases) in estimated rental value and rent growth per annum in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value of the properties. Significant increases (decreases) in long-term vacancy rate and discount rate (and exit yield) in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value.

Due to uncertainty around a prior seismic rating of an investment property held by the Board, a Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) was commissioned by the Board on the building. This DSA highlighted seismic issues with the building that will require remediation. While the building has been identified as having seismic issues, the board has received two engineering firms opinion that the building is safe to occupy. The Board is in the process of obtaining specifications and costing for repair works. As the issues are extensive, the repair costs cannot be reliably estimated at this time, management has estimated the cost could be up to $3,000,000 and therefore instructed its valuer to take this into account when valuing the building for financial reporting purposes. The valuer has assessed the highest and best use valuation methodology for this building as comparable transactions method less costs to bring to saleable condition, due to the uncertainty of the quantum of the repair costs. The total value of the Groups investment properties is $27,761,875 which includes the valuation assessment of $2,750,000 for this building in these financial statements.

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**15 Other financial assets**

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Current assets** | | |
| *Amortised Cost* | | |
| Bank Term deposits - Current | 3,050,000 | 4,775,000 |
| Mortgages General | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| Owner Occupier Mortgages | 8,193 | 9,081 |
| Bonds | - | 700,000 |
| **Total current other financial assets** | 5,518,081 | 5,518,081 |

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Non-current assets** | | |
| *Amortised Cost* | | |
| Bank Term Deposits - Term | 8,470,000 | 7,870,000 |
| Mortgages General | 455,400 | 455,400 |
| Owner Occupier Mortgages | - | 8,671 |
| Bonds | 7,674,155 | 5,980,896 |
| *Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit* | | |
| Trust Investment - Property Funds | 7,755,188 | 7,685,468 |
| JB Were Funds | 8,184,014 | 6,912,616 |
| **Total non-current other financial assets** | 32,538,757 | 28,913,051 |

There is no impairment provision for investments.
Bonds held are publicly traded and are valued at initial issuance cost.

**16 Payables under exchange transactions**

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Current** | | |
| Trade creditors | 274,944 | 243,270 |
| **Total payables under exchange transactions** | 274,944 | 243,270 |

Trade creditors and other payables are non-interest bearing and normally settled on 30 day terms; therefore their carrying amount Approximates their fair value.

**17 Employee entitlements**

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Current** | | |
| Accrued Salaries | 130,865 | 150,490 |
| Taxes Payables | (12,043) | (14,209) |
| Leave entitlements | 273,529 | 294,012 |
| **Total employee entitlements** | 392,351 | 430,293 |

Short–term employee entitlements represent the Diocese's obligation to its current and former employees that are expected to be settled within 12 months of balance date. These mainly consist of accrued holiday entitlements at the reporting date.

**18 Deferred revenue**

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Rent Received in advance | 59,450 | 59,450 |
| Licence to Occupy deferred income | 12,113 | 12,822 |
| Unexpended grants | 146,630 | 99,768 |
| **Total Deferred Revenue** | 218,193 | 172,040 |

Unexpended Grants represent grants received with conditions that have not yet been met and may require the grants to be repaid.

**19 Licence to Occupy Obligation**

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| License to Occupy Obligation | 617,099 | 597,529 |
| **Total obligation under the Licence to Occupy** | 617,099 | 597,529 |

The Group operates a retirement facility in Blenheim under Occupation Right Agreements (ORA). The refundable portion of an ORA relates to the amounts owing to the resident if the agreement was terminated. The liability is non-interest bearing.

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## 20 Non- Group Trusts and Unallocated Investment Gains

These Trusts are managed by NDTB but the beneficial interests are not within the Group.

| | 2025 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Call | Permanent Income | Permanent - Capital | Unallocated Gains |
| Mapua Hills Community Church | 26,793 | 4,714 | 16,658 | 313 |
| St Andrews Family Trust | - | 106,703 | 803,898 | 15,097 |
| Port Nelson Mission To Seafarers Funds | 7,606 | - | - | - |
| Mary C Foster-Barham Fund | - | 118,939 | 1,167,752 | 21,928 |
| Bishop Of Nelson Trust Fund | - | 18,199 | 9,877 | 185 |
| Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu | - | 66,250 | 84,708 | 1,591 |
| **Total 31 December 2024** | 34,399 | 314,805 | 2,082,893 | 39,114 |

| | 2024 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Call | Permanent - Income | Permanent Capital | Unallocated Gains |
| Mapua Hills Community Church | 25,576 | 4,546 | 16,884 | 321 |
| St Andrews Family Trust | - | 118,524 | 814,846 | 15,479 |
| Port Nelson Mission To Seafarers Funds | 7,261 | - | - | - |
| Mary C Foster-Barham Fund | - | 106,049 | 1,183,654 | 22,485 |
| Bishop Of Nelson Trust Fund | - | 13,018 | 10,012 | 190 |
| Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu | - | 59,556 | 85,862 | 1,631 |
| **Total 31 December 2023** | 32,838 | 301,694 | 2,111,257 | 40,106 |

## 21 Restricted Funds and Revaluation Reserves

| | Group | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
| Restricted Funds | 60,358,156 | 60,924,127 |
| Revaluation Reserves | 63,664,813 | 63,499,164 |
| **Total restricted funds and revaluation reserves** | 124,022,969 | 124,423,291 |

### (a) Restricted Funds

The restricted fund reserve within equity represents the balance of public donations and bequests, whereby at the request of the donor the principal donation must be retained for specific purposes within the Group and only income earned on the investments can be used for charitable purposes. Some of the income accounts are also restricted in their purpose. In some instances the Trustees have allocated funds to a restricted purpose and these are also shown as restricted funds in the financial statements. These funds have therefore been separated from the Accumulated Funds of the Group.

All income and expenditure in relation to restricted funds is first recognised in the reported surplus or deficit for the year, then taken to Accumulated Funds. The net balance of restricted fund activities for the year is then transferred to the "Restricted Funds" within the Statement of Changes in Equity.

| | Group | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
| Opening balance | 60,924,127 | 60,330,480 |
| Movement in the Restricted Funds for the year | (565,971) | 593,647 |
| **Closing balance restricted funds** | 60,358,156 | 60,924,127 |

### (b) Land and Building Revaluation Reserves

Each year the Parishes and the Diocese review the land and building held (not Investment Property) and reflect the carrying amount to rateable values as provided by the relevant local authority. The change in value is then reflected in revaluation reserves. If any property is sold then the amount carried in the revaluation reserve will also be transferred to comprehensive income. This reserve cannot fall into deficit.

| | Group | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
| Opening balance | 63,499,164 | 61,535,638 |
| Movement in Revaluation Reserves for the year | 165,649 | 1,963,526 |
| **Closing balance revaluation reserves** | 63,664,813 | 63,499,164 |

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## 22 Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

The New Zealand Government has set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in State and faith based care in Aoteoroa New Zealand between the years of 1950 -1999. During 2023 and the start of 2024 the Nelson Anglican Diocese received several claims regarding historical physical, emotional, and sexual abuse against vulnerable people by employees and appointees of the Diocese. The Diocese takes these claims seriously and is carrying out investigations and entering mediation where appropriate for redress regarding these claims. As at 31 December 2025 only one claim remains unresolved which has been resolved in 2026.

## 23 Commitments

| Capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting period but not yet incurred is as follows: | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Property, plant and equipment | - | - |
| **Total** | - | - |

The Diocese is looking to earthquake strengthen the Cathedral in Nelson. Professional advice is being sought on how this can be undertaken and the estimated cost of the work. This professional advice is ongoing and has not yet been finalised. As parts of the Cathedral building are rated below the earthquake prone building threshold the Nelson City Council has issued an earthquake prone building notice. This notice requires the Diocese to complete earthquake strengthening work by 25 October 2041. The Diocese has obtained an indicative estimate for this work that amounts to approximately $16m.

## 24 Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions arise when an entity or person(s) has the ability to significantly influence the financial and operating policies of the Diocese, or the entities are subject to common control.

Related party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier relationship on terms and condition no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the Diocese would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

## 25 Leases

**Leases as Leasor**

Operating Leases are held by Trust Board for the commercial property which is leased to arms length parties. The future non-cancellable minimum lease payments of operating as lessor at reporting date are $5,941,477 (2024 $6,442,386). As shown in the table below.

The Diocese leases the property at Halifax Street with a lease that expires 27/6/2026. The rental payable at balance date was $39,100 (2024 $117,300). As shown in the table below.

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| *Non-cancellable operating leases are receivable as follows:* | | |
| Less than one year | 1,888,062 | 1,688,824 |
| Between one and five years | 3,623,366 | 4,083,313 |
| More than five years | 559,932 | 670,249 |
| **Total rental Income due under existing leases** | 6,071,360 | 6,442,386 |
| | | |
| The Diocese leases the property at Halifax Street with a lease that expires 27/6/2026 | | |
| *Non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:* | | |
| Less than one year | 39,100 | 78,200 |
| Between one and five years | - | 39,100 |
| **Total rental payable due under existing leases** | 39,100 | 117,300 |

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## 26 Key Management Personnel

The governing body of the Group is the Nelson Anglican Synod (members 120 people) which meets on an annual basis and is made up of three arms - laity (volunteers), clergy and the Bishop. The total remuneration (stipend, car, pension, insurance and housing) of Senior Management and Clergy, 17.15 Full Time Equivalent (2024 20.25 FTE), able to influence the Synod is $1,326,505 (2024 $1,492,928.40).

## 27. Events after the reporting period

**2026**

There have been no significant events post balance date.

## 28. Forestry Rights

Four parishes of the Diocese of Nelson have interests in three forest blocks, in one of the three forest blocks two parishes share a 50/50 right. At harvest time the funds generated will be available for the general purposes of the parishes. There are Forest Right agreements in place with each of the land owners the forests are on. The agreements set out the term of the forest right and how the net proceeds from harvesting are shared by the land owner and parish. Forest rights are:

| | Start | Term | Parish Return | Size | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Awatere Parish | 1 April 2000 | 40 years | 70% | 4.12 ha | Awatere Valley |
| Havelock Parish | 1 January 1995 | 32 years | 80% | 6 - 8 ha (estimate) | Crail Bay |
| Victory and Reefton Parishes | 1 August 2006 | 20 years | 75% | 2 ha | Murchison |

## 29. Provision

**2025**

Refer to Note 22 for further information on contingent liability provided for.

| | Group 2025 $ | Group 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Opening balance | 130,000 | 400,000 |
| Provision made during the year | - | - |
| Provisions used during the year | - | (270,000) |
| Provisions reimbursed during the year | - | - |
| **Closing balance** | 130,000 | 130,000 |

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Synod of Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)**

**Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated general purpose financial report of Diocese of Nelson (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) (the Diocese) and its controlled entities (the Group) which comprise the consolidated financial statements on pages 14 to 33, and the consolidated service performance information on pages 2 to 13. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, consolidated statement of changes in net assets and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying consolidated general purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2025, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the consolidated service performance of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with the entity's service performance criteria in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

*Valuation of Land and Buildings*

The consolidated financial statements records a balance of $71,573,510 for Property, Plant and Equipment - land and buildings, being the latest rateable valuation. This is a departure from *PBE (NZ) IPSAS 17* which permits property plant and equipment to be measured at cost or fair value less accumulated depreciation and impairment. The rateable value may differ materially from the fair value less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Fair value is determined by market evidence or in the case of specialised buildings and other man-made structures, fair value may be estimated using depreciated replacement cost, or the restoration cost or service units approaches. The potential effects, if any, on property, plant and equipment and reserves have not been determined. This is consistent with the prior year.

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*Valuation of Investment Property*

The Group's investment properties are carried at fair value in the statement of financial position at $27,761,875 as at 31 December 2025.

As disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the valuation of investment property incorporates estimated future costs relating to seismic issues identified with one property in the Group's property portfolio. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the accuracy of this estimate that was used in determining the fair value of this property. In particular, supporting documentation and other corroborative evidence for the cost estimate was not available to us. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the carrying value of the investment property recorded at $2,750,000, the associated fair value adjustments, and the related disclosures in the financial statements.

*Completeness of Cash Donations Revenue*

Cash offerings are a significant source of revenue for the Group. Control over such revenue prior to being recorded is limited. Consequently, there were no practical audit procedures we could perform to confirm independently that all cash donation revenue items were properly recorded. Accordingly, we were unable to determine the completeness of cash revenue and related cash flows. This is consistent with the prior year.

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the consolidated service performance information in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated General Purpose Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards)(New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

**Information Other Than the Consolidated General Purpose Financial Report and Auditor's Report**

The Standing Committee are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the consolidated general purpose financial report does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. At the time of our audit, there was no other information available to us.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated general purpose financial report, if other information is included in the annual report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated general purpose financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of our auditors' report, we concluded that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

**Standing Committee' Responsibilities for the Consolidated General Purpose Financial Report**

The Standing Committee are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

(a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;

(b) service performance criteria that are suitable in order to prepare consolidated service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime; and

(c) such internal control as the Standing Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated service performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated general purpose financial report, the Standing Committee are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Standing Committee either intend to liquidate the Diocese or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated General Purpose Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole and the consolidated service performance information are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this consolidated general purpose financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated service performance information, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated service performance information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select what and how to report its consolidated service performance.

- Evaluate whether the service performance criteria are suitable so as to result in consolidated service performance information that is in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Standing Committee and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated general purpose financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated general purpose financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated general purpose financial report represents the underlying transactions, events and service performance information in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information and service performance information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated general purpose financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for the audit opinion.

We communicate with the Standing Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Restriction on Use**

This report is made solely to the Group's Synod, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's Synod those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the Group's Synod as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Crowe New Zealand Audit Partnership**

Dated at Nelson this 2nd day of July 2026

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## NELSON DIOCESE TRUST BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Nelson Diocesan Trust Board
# Financial Statements
# For the year ended 31 December 2025

# Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

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## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Statement of Service Performance

## For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Nelson Diocesan Trust Board Is Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and is an authorised Trust Board under the Private Act "Anglican Church Trusts Act 1981." While the Trust Board is the registered legal owner of Diocese and Parish Property, these properties are held on behalf of these entities and are recognised In their Financial Statements and not In the Trust Board.

### The Trust Board has two key objectives

To hold parish properties and re11iew proposals for property transactions (sale, purchase, construction, renovation, easements and boundary adjustments) requiring a level of due diligence be carried out to ensure prudent decisions and transactions.

To prudently manage the Dioceses permanent trusts and parish call deposits In line wtth their establishing documentation. This Includes providing a reasonable rate of income return and protecting the capital 11alue of the permanent trusts.

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### Choice of Performance Measures

For the first objective this Statement of Service Performance will use the following measures:

Value of property in trust held by the Board split between churches/halls (traditional parish properties) and Commercial Properties from which the Board and Parishes derive Income. This will Inform readers of the extent of property portfolio being held for parish and investment purposes.
Type of assistance provided the Board to parishes. This metric will show how the Board has been assisting parishes with the management of the properties held In trust on their behalf.

For the second objective this Statement of Service Performance will use the following measures:

Type of Investments held for trust and deposits. These values will show the how funds are Invested by the Board and any movement between types of investments over the past year.

Operating Income return on investments. This metric will show whether or not the Board is achieving the targeted income return for beneficiaries.

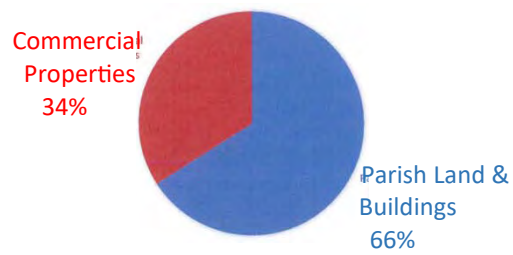
Capital Return on investments. Reporting on the capital return on investments against inflation will show if the Board is maintaining in the capital value of trusts.

### 1 Types of Property Held In Trust*[1]

Type of Property

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Churches & Halls | 65,543,393 | 65,232,001 |
| Commercial Properties | 33,848,562 | 35,481,201 |
| Total | 99,391,955 | 100,713,202 |

VALUE OF PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST 2025



*1 Note parish properties including parish commercial properties are shown in their Statement of Financial Position rather than the Board's. In addition all parish properties are shown at rateable value while trust commercial properties are show at market value.



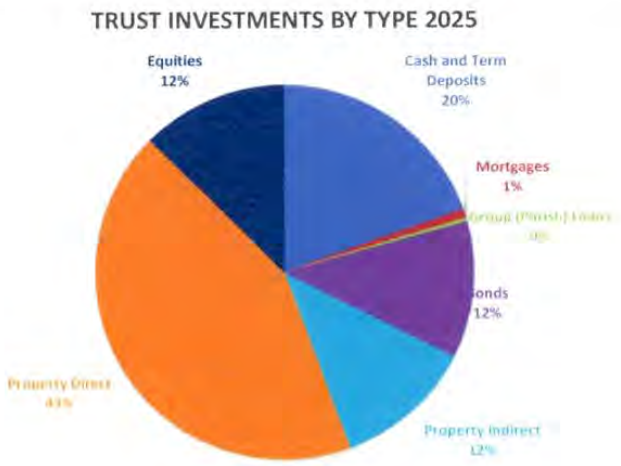
## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

**2 Assistance With Parish Property Matters**

| Type of Assistance | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Property Sales/Purchase or Offers or Development for sale | 3 | 0 |
| Leases on Parish Properties | 5 | 0 |
| Refurbishment or Earthquake Strengthening | 9 | 3 |
| Other | 3 | 6 |
| **Total** | 20 | 9 |

**3 Trust Investments**

| Type of Investment | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Cash and Term Deposits | 12,773,100 | 13,140,174 |
| Mortgages | 497,593 | 507,153 |
| Group (Parish) Loans | 225,243 | 251,671 |
| Bonds | 7,674,155 | 6,680,896 |
| Property Indirect | 7,755,188 | 7,685,468 |
| Property Direct | 28,061,875 | 29,946,875 |
| Equities | 8,184,014 | 6,912,616 |
| **Total** | 65,171,168 | 65,124,853 |




**4 Operating Income Return on Investments**

| | Target % | 2025 % | 2024 % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Net Operating Income as a percentage of investments | 3.50% | 4.44% | 4.56% |

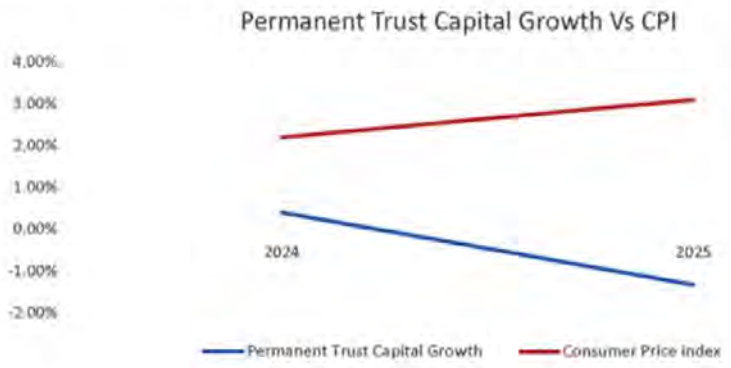


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## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

**5 Capital Growth of Permanent Trusts *2**

| | 2025 % | 2024 % |
|---|---|---|
| Permanent Trust Capital Growth*2 | -1.32% | 0.40% |
| Consumer Price Index | 3.10% | 2.20% |




*2 On the capital opening balance of permanent trusts to exclude additions to capital made by bequests and donations during the financial year.

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## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
## For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS** | | | |
| Rental income | | 2,392,163 | 2,280,318 |
| Dividend income | | 589,681 | 544,386 |
| Other income | | - | 75 |
| **Total revenue from exchange transactions** | | **2,981,844** | **2,824,779** |
| **REVENUE FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS** | | | |
| Interest income | 6 | 1,088,339 | 1,188,035 |
| **TOTAL REVENUE** | | **4,070,183** | **4,012,814** |
| **EXPENSES** | | | |
| Property Costs | | 848,647 | 697,207 |
| Overhead and administrative expenses | | 330,793 | 349,570 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | 5 | **1,179,440** | **1,046,777** |
| Trust Income allocation to Non-Group Entities | 6 | 80,329 | 112,651 |
| Trust Income allocation to Group Entities | 6 | 2,122,942 | 3,009,545 |
| **TOTAL COSTS FROM FINANCE ACTIVITIES** | | **(2,203,271)** | **(3,122,196)** |
| **OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | | **687,472** | **(156,159)** |
| **OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)** | | | |
| Gain/(Loss) on Trust Management | 7 | 59,720 | (282,550) |
| Gain/(loss) on fair value of investment properties | 7 | (1,885,000) | (170,000) |
| Gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through surplus or deficit | 7 | 1,103,380 | 668,691 |
| **TOTAL OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)** | | **(711,900)** | **216,141** |
| **SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR** | | **(24,428)** | **59,982** |
| **OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES** *Movements that will be reclassified to surplus or deficit in subsequent periods:* | | | |
| **Total other comprehensive revenue and expense** | | - | - |
| **TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR** | | **(24,428)** | **59,982** |

These financial statements have been authorised for issue by Trust Board on 31 July 2026.

MKoleberg — Chairperson — Date: 24 June 2026

Trustee — Date: 24 June 2026

*These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.*

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
## For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | | |
| **Current** | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 8 | 1,253,100 | 495,175 |
| Receivables from exchange transactions | 9 | 303,728 | 455,229 |
| Prepayments | | 75,166 | 173,813 |
| Other current financial assets | 12 | 3,108,021 | 5,542,365 |
| **Total current assets** | | **4,740,015** | **6,666,582** |
| **Non-current** | | | |
| Investment properties | 10 | 28,061,875 | 29,946,875 |
| Other non-current financial assets | 12 | 32,748,172 | 29,140,438 |
| Total non-current assets | | **60,810,047** | **59,087,313** |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | | **65,550,062** | **65,753,895** |
| **LIABILITIES** | | | |
| **Current** | | | |
| Payables under exchange transactions | 13 | 69,970 | 155,044 |
| Deferred revenue | 14 | 59,450 | 59,450 |
| Call Deposits - Group | 15 | 5,506,040 | 5,340,566 |
| Call Deposits - Non-Group | 15 | 34,399 | 32,838 |
| Permanent Trusts Income - Group | 17 | 4,633,608 | 4,210,423 |
| Permanent Trusts Income - Non-Group | 17 | 314,805 | 301,694 |
| Other current financial liabilities | 16 | 662,369 | 674,244 |
| | | **11,280,641** | **10,774,259** |
| **Non-current** | | | |
| Permanent Trusts Capital - Group | 17 | 51,204,362 | 51,861,785 |
| Permanent Trusts Capital - Non-Group | 17 | 2,082,893 | 2,111,257 |
| Unallocated Comprehensive Income | 18 | 982,166 | 1,006,594 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | **54,269,421** | **54,979,636** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | | **65,550,062** | **65,753,895** |
| **NET ASSETS** | | - | - |

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## Statement of Changes in Unallocated Comprehensive Income
## For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | $ | $ |
| Opening Balance | | 1,006,594 | 946,612 |
| Surplus/ (deficit) for the year | | (24,428) | 59,982 |
| **Total comprehensive revenue and expense** | | **(24,428)** | **59,982** |
| **UNALLOCATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AT YEAR END** | **18** | **982,166** | **1,006,594** |

*These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements*

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

### Statement of Cash Flows
### For the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flow from operating activities** | | | |
| *Cash was provided from/(applied to):* | | | |
| Receipts from goods and services provided, exchange transactions | | 2,588,107 | 2,244,066 |
| Interest and dividends received | | 1,417,665 | 1,557,528 |
| Payments to suppliers | | (1,127,625) | (967,887) |
| **Net cash from/(used in) operating activities** | | **2,878,147** | **2,833,707** |
| **Cash flow from investing activities** | | | |
| *Cash was provided from/(applied to):* | | | |
| Proceeds from Minor Loans | | 45,558 | 342,727 |
| Proceeds from realisation of financial assets | | 5,137,075 | 5,372,734 |
| Purchase of financial assets | | (5,005,253) | (7,081,621) |
| Movement in Trust Accounts | | (2,297,602) | (2,951,805) |
| **Net cash from/(used in) investing activities** | | **(2,120,222)** | **(4,317,965)** |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 757,925 | (1,484,258) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year | | 495,175 | 1,979,433 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year** | 8 | **1,253,100** | **495,175** |

# Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Reporting entity

These financial statements comprise the financial statements of Nelson Diocesan Trust Board Inc. (the "Trust Board") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Trust Board is Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and is an authorised Trust Board under the Private Act "Anglican Church Trusts Act 1981". While the Trust Board is the registered legal owner of Diocese and Parish Property, the beneficial owner is the Diocese entities and Parishes and are recognised in the Diocese entities and Parish Financial Statements and not in the Trust Board financial statements.

### 2 Basis of preparation

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Tier 2 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the New Zealand External Reporting Board (XRB). They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Public Sector Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (NZ IPSAS RDR) and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards as appropriate to Public Benefit Entities.

The Trust Board is deemed a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes, as its primary objective is to provide services to the community for social benefit and has been established with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than a financial return.
Trust Board is eligible to report in accordance with Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards on the basis that it does not have public accountability and annual expenditure does not exceed $33 million.

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical costs basis, except for some assets and liabilities that have been measured at fair value.

The accrual basis of accounting has been used unless otherwise stated and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**(c) Presentation currency**

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

**(d) Comparatives**

The comparative financial period is 12 months.

**(e) Changes in accounting policies**

The Trust Board has not adopted any standards or interpretations on issue that are not yet effective. The standards are expected to be adopted in the period in which they become mandatory.

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

### 3 Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies of the Trust Board been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below:

**(a) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks with original maturities of three months or less, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

The Trust Board has no bank overdraft facilities.

**(b) Financial instruments – initial recognition and subsequent measurement**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

**Financial assets**

***Initial recognition and measurement***

The Boards financial assets include: cash, short- and long--term deposits, trade and other receivables, owner occupier and other mortgages, group loans and bonds. All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenditure (FVOCRE) – debt investment; FVOCRE – equity investment; or Fair Value Through Surplus or Deficit (FVTSD). Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Trust Board changes its management model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the management model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTSD:

- It is held within a management model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- It's contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt investment is measured at FVOCRE if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTSD:

- It is held within a management model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- It's contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Board may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCRE. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCRE as described above are measured at FVTSD. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCRE as at FVTSD if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

***Subsequent measurement***

Financial assets classified as measured at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income and impairment losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in surplus or deficit.

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

***Impairment of non-derivative financial assets***

The Board recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on:
- financial assets measured at amortised cost; and
- debt investments measured at FVOCRE.

The Board measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:
- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Board considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Board's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Board assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due without explanation.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Board is exposed to credit risk.

***Measurement of ECLs***

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Board expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

***Credit-impaired financial assets***

At each reporting date, the Board assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCRE are credit-impaired.

**Financial liabilities**

***Initial recognition and measurement***

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit, payables, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of payables and loans and borrowings, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Board's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and loans and borrowings (including bank overdrafts).

In addition, Funds are held and managed by the Trust Board on behalf of Board and non-Board entities. Although the Trust Board is the legal owner of the Investment Assets, the Trust Board has no beneficial interest in these assets and therefore the funds invested are held as liabilities by the Trust Board. See notes 17,18 & 19 for the details of such liabilities.

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

***Subsequent measurement***

*Financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit*

Financial liabilities at fair value through surplus or deficit include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through surplus or deficit.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Board that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by PBE IPSAS 29. Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through surplus or deficit are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in PBE IPSAS 29 are satisfied. The Board has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through surplus or deficit.

*Financial liabilities at amortised cost*

This is the category of financial liabilities that is most relevant to the Board. After initial recognition, trade and other payables and interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Gains or losses are recognised in surplus or deficit when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process. The effective interest rate amortisation is included as finance costs in the statement of financial performance.

Trade and other payables are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Due to their short-term nature they are not discounted.

The majority of the Boards liabilities are to the trusts for which they hold investments. These are paid interest rates dependant on the Boards returns which vary year to year. Their amortised cost is assuming to be their establishment cost.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

*Derecognition*

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, waivered, cancelled, or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, then such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

*Fair value of financial instruments*

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs. In the absence of an active market, the fair value of financial instruments is measured using valuation techniques with the objective of estimating what the transaction price would have been on the measurement date in an arm's length exchange motivated by normal operating considerations.

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

**(c) Property, plant and equipment**
Trust Board has no property, plant or equipment. All land and buildings have a classification of Investment Property.

**(d) Investment property**
Investment property is property primarily held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs.

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value, which is based on active market prices, adjusted if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset at the reporting date.

Fair value is determined annually be external professional valuers with sufficient experience with respect to both the location and the nature of investment property and supported by market evidence.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are recognised in surplus or deficit in the year in which they arise.

Investment properties are derecognised either when they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit or service potential is expected from its disposal. While the property is available for sale but before the sale is unconditional the property will be held at the lower of fair value or estimated net sale proceeds.

**(e) Revenue**
Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Trust Board and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received.

The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised:

**Interest income**
Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

**Rental income**
Rental income arising from rental premises is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Donated services**
The operations of the Trust Board uses services provided by volunteers. Volunteer services received are not recognised as revenue or expenditure.

**(f) Trust Income Allocation**
All Trust Income allocations are expensed in the period they occur. The Trust Board pay interest on funds lodged with Trust Board by Group Entities and some minor Non-Group Entities.

**(g) Trust Capital and Investment Results Allocation**

The Board holds investments and other assets in a fiduciary capacity on behalf of participating entities and parishes. The Board does not have any beneficial interest in the assets it administers and acts solely as trustee and custodian of those assets.
Investment income, realised and unrealised gains and losses, and other changes in the value of investments are recognised and allocated to the participating entities and parishes based on their respective ownership interests in the underlying investment pool. Such amounts are credited or charged directly to the respective trust capital balances.
As the Board has no beneficial entitlement to the assets or investment returns, net assets attributable to participating entities and parishes are recognised as liabilities of the Board. Accordingly, the Board does not recognise accumulated funds or equity in respect of these assets. The Statement of Financial Position reflects the Board's obligation to the participating entities and parishes for their respective interests in the underlying assets.
The allocation of investment income and capital movements ensures that each participating entities recorded balance reflects its proportionate interest in the net assets held and administered by the Board.

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

**(h) Income tax**
Due to its charitable status, the Trust Board is exempt from income tax.

**(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**
All amounts in these financial statements are shown exclusive of GST, except for receivables and payables that are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

### 4 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NZ IPSAS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Where material, information on significant judgements, estimates and assumptions is provided in the relevant accounting policy or provided in the relevant note disclosure.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates are subject to ongoing review and actual results may differ from these estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised and in future years affected.

The following are significant management judgements in applying the accounting policies of the Trust Board that have a significant effect on the financial statements:

**Impairment**
The Trust Board assess the impairment of all assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Trust Board and to the particular asset that might lead to impairment.

**Fair value measurement of financial instruments**
When the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted price in active markets, the fair value is measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

**Revaluation of investment properties**
The Trust Board carries its Investment Properties at fair value as assessed by independent valuers.

### 5 Expenses

| The following amounts were expensed in the surplus/(deficit) for the year: | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Audit fees | 30,930 | 27,250 |
| Repairs and Maintenance - Investment Properties | 118,808 | 161,397 |
| Diocese Office Levy | 229,950 | 226,944 |
| Consultancy, vacancy costs and valuation fees - Investment Properties | 8,495 | 74,557 |
| Legal Fees | 30,243 | 7,253 |

## Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

### 6 Finance income and costs

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Financing income** | | |
| Interest Income on Mortgages | 34,372 | 51,591 |
| Interest income on bank deposits | 1,053,967 | 1,136,444 |
| **Total finance income** | 1,088,339 | 1,188,035 |
| | | |
| **Financing expenditure** | | |
| Interest expense - Group Trusts | (2,122,942) | (3,009,545) |
| Interest expense - Non Group Trusts | (80,329) | (112,651) |
| Total interest expense on borrowings | (2,203,271) | (3,122,196) |
| | | |
| **Total finance costs** | (1,114,932) | (1,934,161) |

Financing Expenditure represents distributions to Trusts. All Trusts and Call Funds receive an interest payment, while Permanent Trusts also receive their share of the fair value movements in the overall investment portfolio . The Group comprises Nelson Diocese, Parishes and Bishopdale Theological College which are all under common control.

### 7 Other Gains/Losses

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Gain/(Loss) on Trust Management | 69,720 | (282,550) |
| Gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through surplus or deficit | 1,103,380 | 668,691 |
| Revaluations of Investment Properties (at market Value) | (1,885,000) | (170,000) |
| **Total Other Gains/Losses** | (711,900) | 216,141 |

### 8 Cash and cash equivalents

| **Cash at bank and in hand** | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ANZ Cheque Account | 20,204 | 22,101 |
| Bank Call Accounts | 1,232,896 | 473,074 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | 1,253,100 | 495,175 |

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates their fair value.

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates on daily deposit balances.

### 9 Receivables from exchange transactions

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade debtors | 315,894 | 426,918 |
| Less expected credit loss provision | 39,797 | - |
| | 276,097 | 426,918 |
| GST receivable | 27,631 | 28,311 |
| **Total Receivables from exchange transactions** | 303,728 | 455,229 |

Trade debtors and other receivables are non-interest bearing and receipt is normally on 30 days terms. Therefore the carrying value of trade debtors and other receivables approximates its fair value.

As at 31 December 2025 all overdue receivables have been assessed for impairment and an allowance of $39,797 has been made (2024 $0). All receivables are subject to credit risk exposure.

# Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

## Notes to the financial statements

### 10 Investment property

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Opening balance | 29,946,875 | 30,116,875 |
| Fair value gain/ (loss) for the year | (1,885,000) | (170,000) |
| **Closing balance** | 28,061,875 | 29,946,875 |

Investment property includes real estate properties in New Zealand, which are held to earn rents and for capital appreciation purposes. Lease are generally sought for a period of more than 5 years and rents are regularly assessed for market value. Rent reviews vary but all properties have a prescribed review process.

Trust Board has no restrictions on the realisability of Its investment property and no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or for repairs, maintenance and enhancements.

**Revaluations**
Trust Board engaged Bayleys accredited valuers that use the International Valuation Standards Committee, International Valuation Standards as a reference, to determine the fair value of investment properties in line with fair value in accordance with PBE IPSAS 16.

In determining fair value. the expected net cash flows applicable to each investment property have been discounted to the present value using a market determined. risk adjusted, discount rate applicable to the respective asset.

For some of the Investment Property held, there was a lack of comparable market data. A significant degree of judgement was applied by the independent Valuer to determine the Investment property fair value. Changes in these assumptions could materially impact the reported fair value of the Investment Property.

| | | Group | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **2025** | **2024** |
| **Nelson Properties** | **Nelson Properties** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 8% | 8.00% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 6.75% | 6.75% |
| **Dunedin Properties** | **Dunedin Properties** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 7.25-8.25% | 7.25-8.25% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 5.25-7% | 5.25-7% |
| **Christchurch Properties** | **Christchurch Properties`** | | |
| Discount rate | Discount rate | 7.25-8.5% | 7.75-8.5% |
| Capitalisation rate | Capitalisation rate | 5.75-7.25% | 6.25-7.75% |

Significant increases (decreases) in estimated rental value and rent growth per annum in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value of the properties. Significant increases (decreases) in long-term vacancy rate and discount rate (and exit yield) in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value.

Due to uncertainty around a prior seismic rating of an investment properly held by the Board. a Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) was commissioned by the Board on the building. This DSA highlighted seismic issues with the building that will require remediation.
While the building has been identified as having seismic issues, the board has received two engineering firms opinion that the building is safe to occupy. The Board is in the process of obtaining specifications and costing for repair works. As the issues are extensive, the repair costs cannot be reliably estimated at this time, management has estimated the cost could be up to $3,000,000 and therefore instructed its valuer to take this into account when valuing the building for financial reporting purposes. The valuer has assessed the highest and best use valuation methodology for this building as comparable transactions method less costs to bring to saleable condition, due to the uncertainty of the quantum of the repair costs. The total value of the Boards investment properties is $28,061,875 which Includes the valuation assessment of $2,750,000 for this building in these financial statements.

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### 11 Leases as Leasor

The future minimum non cancellable lease payments relating to the investment properties are as follows:

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Less than one year | 1,888,062 | 1,688,824 |
| Between one to five years | 3,623,366 | 4,083,313 |
| Over five years | 559,932 | 670,249 |
| **Total minimum non-cancellable operating leases** | 6,071,360 | 6,442,386 |

### 12 Other financial assets

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| *Amortised Cost* | | |
| Bank Term Deposits | 3,050,000 | 4,775,000 |
| Mortgages | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| Owner Occupier Mortgages | 8,193 | 9,081 |
| Group Loans | 15,828 | 24,284 |
| Bonds | - | 700,000 |
| **Total other current financial assets** | 3,108,021 | 5,542,365 |

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Other non-current financial assets** | | |
| *Amortised Cost* | | |
| Bank Term Deposits | 8,470,000 | 7,870,000 |
| Mortgages | 455,400 | 455,400 |
| Owner Occupier Mortgages | - | 8,671 |
| Group Loans | 209,415 | 227,387 |
| Bonds | 7,674,155 | 5,980,896 |
| *Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit* | | |
| Trust Investments Property Fund | 7,755,188 | 7,685,468 |
| JB Were Funds | 8,184,014 | 6,912,616 |
| **Total other non-current financial assets** | 32,748,172 | 29,140,438 |

There is no expected credit loss provision for investments as at 31 December 2025 (2024: $Nil).

### 13 Payables under exchange transactions

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| **Current** | | |
| Trade creditors and accrued expenses | 69,970 | 155,044 |
| **Total payables under exchange transactions** | 69,970 | 155,044 |

Trade creditors and other payables are non-interest bearing and normally settled on 30 day terms; therefore their carrying amount approximates their fair value.

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### 14 Deferred revenue

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Rent received in advance | 59,450 | 59,450 |
| **Total income in advance** | 59,450 | 59,450 |

BP Oil in Advance Payment for Cumberland (2025: $59,450).

### 15 Call Deposits

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Diocese of Nelson | 1,323,849 | 1,582,353 |
| Parishes of Nelson Diocese | 4,031,100 | 3,682,057 |
| Bishopdale Theological College (BTC) | 151,091 | 96,156 |
| **Total call deposits - Group** | 5,506,040 | 5,340,566 |
| Mapua Building Funds | 26,793 | 25,576 |
| Port Nelson Mission to Seafarers Funds | 7,606 | 7,261 |
| **Total call deposits - Non Group** | 34,399 | 32,838 |

These deposits represent Trust funds invested on behalf of the associated entities by Trust Board

### 16 Other Current Financial Liabilities

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Diocese of Nelson - Current Account | 662,369 | 674,244 |
| **Total Other Current Financial Liabilities** | 662,369 | 674,244 |

This liability represents the current account held by Trust Board on behalf of the Nelson Diocese.

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### 17 Financial Liabilities - Trust Capital

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Diocese of Nelson | 3,070,350 | 2,868,186 |
| Parishes of Nelson Diocese | 1,561,563 | 1,340,111 |
| Bishopdale Theological College (BTC) | 1,695 | 2,127 |
| **Total Permanent Trusts Income - Group** | 4,633,608 | 4,210,423 |
| | | |
| Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu | 66,250 | 59,556 |
| Mary C Foster-Barham Fund | 117,939 | 106,049 |
| St Andrews Family Trust | 106,703 | 118,524 |
| Mapua Building Funds | 4,714 | 4,547 |
| Bishop Of Nelson Trust Fund | 19,199 | 13,018 |
| **Total Permanent Trusts Income - Non Group** | 314,805 | 301,694 |
| | | |
| **Total Permanent Trusts Income** | 4,948,413 | 4,512,117 |
| | | |
| Diocese of Nelson | 42,414,705 | 42,958,977 |
| Parishes of Nelson Diocese | 8,223,819 | 8,329,264 |
| Bishopdale Theological College (BTC) | 565,838 | 573,544 |
| **Total Permanent Trust Capital - Group** | 51,204,362 | 51,861,785 |
| | | |
| Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu | 84,708 | 85,862 |
| Mary C Foster-Barham Fund | 1,167,752 | 1,183,654 |
| Mapua Building Funds | 16,658 | 16,883 |
| Bishop Of Nelson Trust Fund | 9,877 | 10,012 |
| St Andrews Family Trust | 803,898 | 814,846 |
| **Total Permanent Trust Capital - Non Group** | 2,082,893 | 2,111,257 |
| | | |
| **Total Permanent Trusts Capital** | 53,287,255 | 53,973,042 |
| | | |
| **Total Permanent Trusts** | 58,235,668 | 58,485,159 |
| | | |
| Permanent Trust Income (on Call) | 4,948,413 | 4,512,117 |
| Permanent Trust Capital | 53,287,255 | 53,973,042 |
| | 58,235,668 | 58,485,159 |

The Mary C Foster- Barham Fund has been transferred to Trust Board to hold and invest the funds for the beneficiaries of the Trust being the elderly and children of the Nelson and Richmond Region. Trust Board has no beneficial interest in the fund.

Permanent Trusts are made up of two components - Capital and Income derived from that capital. In accordance with the Trust, the Income portion only can be spent with the Capital portion held in perpetuity. The Capital portion is therefore a term liability but the Income portion can be spent within the next twelve month if it meets the requirements of the Trust.

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### 18 Unallocated Comprehensive Income

These funds represent gains in the Trust Board that have not been allocated to the Permanent Trusts balances. The unallocated Income would be allocated to Permanent Trust Income. As these funds are part of the Permanent Trust balances, In which the Trust Board does not have a beneficial interest, they are held as a liability in the Trust Board.

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Unallocated Income | 982,166 | 1,006,594 |
| **Total Unallocated Gains** | 982,166 | 1,006,594 |

**(a) Unallocated Investment Property Revaluation Fund**
The Unallocated Investment Property Revaluation Fund is used to record increases and decreases in the fair value of investment property to the extent that they offset each other {i.e. the reserve cannot fall into deficit).

**Unallocated Income**
The Unallocated Income represents income which has not been allocated to Trusts.

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Opening balance | 1,006,594 | 946,612 |
| Other comprehensive income and expense movements | | |
| Current year surplus/(deficit) | (24,428) | 59,982 |
| **Closing balance** | 982,166 | 1,006,594 |

### 19 Related party transactions

Related party transactions arise when an entity or person(s) has the ability to significantly influence the financial and operating policies of the Trust Board, or the entities are subject to common control.

The Trust Board has a related party relationship with its Trustees and the Nelson Diocese who appoints the Trust Board trustees.

The Trust Board receives management services from the Diocese of Nelson {Parent) and holds trust accounts and funds on behalf of the Diocese, BTC and Parishes within the Nelson Diocese. The transactions through these Funds are within the normal course of operations. Trust Board is the legal entity for the Diocese of Nelson and holds all the diocesan property, inclusive of Parish Property. Trust Board is the legal owner but all Parish Property registered in the name of the Board is included in the Parish accounts being the beneficial owner.

Related party disclosures have not been made for transactions with related parties that are within a normal supplier relationship on terms and condition no more or less favourable than those that it is reasonable to expect the Trust Board would have adopted in dealing with the party at arm's length in the same circumstances.

**Transactions with related parties**
The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

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**(a) Loans Provided to Parishes**

The Trust Board provides loans to Parishes for the purposes of building projects. These are performing loans and are expected to be repaid during the prescribed periods agreed. Interest is charged on a quarterly basis at the same rates as ANZ residential rates.

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| *Loans Provided to:* | | |
| All Saints | 9,544 | 30,260 |
| Victory | 215,699 | 221,411 |
| **Total Loans to related Parties** | 225,243 | 251,671 |
| **Interest Paid to Trust Board by Parishes** | 9,572 | 13,757 |

**(b) Fees paid by Trust Board to Nelson Anglican Diocese**

Trust Board pay an administration fee to The Nelson Diocese for the provision of financial and other services including computer costs, utilities and administrative costs, 2025 $229,950 (2024 $225,000).

No goods and services are sold by Trust Board to related parties.

**(c) Interest Paid to Related Parties**

| | 2025 $ | 2024 $ |
|---|---|---|
| *Interest Paid to:* | | |
| Parishes - local branches of the Parent | 544,680 | 653,982 |
| Diocese of Nelson - Parent Entity of the Trust Board | 1,556,238 | 2,323,905 |
| Bishopdale Theological College (Common Control) | 22,024 | 31,658 |
| **Total interest paid to related parties** | 2,122,942 | 3,009,545 |

**(d) Year end receivable/ (payable) with related parties**

The only payable from Trust Board to related parties are the Trust Funds on deposit with Trust Board as per Notes 15 -18.
The Group Loans per Note 19(a) are loans provided by Trust Board to Parishes for the provision of buildings for Christian purposes.

**(e) Other related party balances**

*Trustees*

In the 2025 financial year there are no other related party transactions. (2024 Nil).

Trustees are providing their services without charge as a voluntary service to Trust Board.

At Balance date there are related party liabilities between members of the Group, being call deposits and Permanent Trust Income and Capital held by the Trust Board for other members of the Group, (see notes 15 and 18).

### 20 Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

2025: Nil. (2024: Nil)

### 21 Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 31 December 2025. (2024 Nil).

### 22 Events after the reporting period

There were no significant events after the balance date 31 December 2025.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Trustees of Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the general purpose financial report of Nelson Diocesan Trust Board (the Trust Board) which comprise the financial statements on pages 5 to 21, and the service performance information on pages 2 to 4. The complete set of financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, and the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in unallocated comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying general purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the financial position of the Trust Board as at 31 December 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the service performance of the Trust Board for the year ended 31 December 2025 in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Trust Board's investment properties are carried at fair value in the statement of financial position at $28,061,875 as at 31 December 2025.

As disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the valuation of investment property incorporates estimated future costs relating to seismic issues identified with one property in the Trust Board's property portfolio. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the accuracy of this estimate that was used in determining the fair value of this property. In particular, supporting documentation and other corroborative evidence for the cost estimate was not available to us. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the carrying value of the investment property recorded at $2,750,000, the associated fair value adjustments, and the related disclosures in the financial statements.

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the service performance information in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust Board in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)*

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issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust Board.

**Information other than the General Purpose Financial Report and Auditor's Report**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the general purpose financial report does not cover the other information included in the annual report and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information. At the time of our audit, there was no other information available to us.

In connection with our audit of the general purpose financial report, if other information is included in the annual report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the general purpose financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of our auditors' report, we concluded that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

**Trustees' Responsibilities for the General Purpose Financial Report**

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust Board for:

(a) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;

(b) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime;

(c) the preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime;

(d) the overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime; and

(e) such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements and service performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the general purpose financial report, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust Board or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this general purpose financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the service performance information, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements and the service performance information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust Board's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select its elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and the measurement bases or evaluation methods.
- Evaluate whether the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods present an appropriate and meaningful assessment of the entity's service performance in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the general purpose financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the general purpose financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the general purpose financial report represents the underlying transactions, events and elements/aspects of service performance in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Restriction on Use**

This report is made solely to the Trust Board's Trustees, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust Board's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust Board and the Trust Board's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Dated at Nelson this 24th day of June 2026

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SECTION 5: SYNOD PROCEEDINGS

# Diocese of Nelson

# Summary of Proceedings

## First Session of the Sixtieth Synod Nelson

## 8-10th October 2026

## BISHOP'S CHARGE TO NELSON DIOCESE SYNOD SERVICE, 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

**Theme: The Health of the Body**

**Key Text: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27** — "*Many Parts. One Body. Flourishing Together.*"

Kia ora e te whānau,

As I look around this Synod, as your Bishop, I am filled with gratitude. Gratitude for God's faithfulness, for the long service of many here, for the new people God has called to this Diocese, and for the remarkable ways we have journeyed together in Christ's mission across *Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka-a-Māui* (the Top of the South Island).

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the team across the diocese, including the Anglican Centre, the clergy and staff who serve faithfully in our parishes, and especially to our Wardens, Vestries, and volunteers. Your service goes unseen by most, yet it is seen by God; it matters and is deeply valued.

To all the people of God throughout this Diocese: thank you. For your faith in the Lord Jesus, for your love for one another, for your prayers, generosity, hospitality, and for your commitment to God's mission.

Over the last several years, we've been on quite a journey, haven't we?

Four years ago, we acknowledged a ***hole in our bucket.*** We faced our difficult realities: declining attendance, aging congregations, increasing secularisation, and a growing disconnect between many churches and the communities around them. The call was not to despair, but to honestly face our reality.

Three years ago, we lifted our eyes to the ***hope in the boat.*** The storms had not passed, but Jesus was still present. Through the early days of Revitalise Nelson, we were reminded that our future depends less on our circumstances and more on the faithfulness of Christ.

Two years ago, we looked to see a ***harvest in the basket***. We recognised that many people around us remain spiritually curious, hungry for meaning, searching for hope, and open to the Gospel - and we responded with the Haere Mai project.

Last year, we reflected on the kind of people needed to sustain renewal. We spoke of ***hearts that burn.*** Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we prayed that our hearts would be set ablaze by Christ through Scripture, prayer, worship, and the Holy Spirit's work. We recognised that lasting revitalisation requires transformed disciples.

And now, in 2026, a new challenge emerges. The challenge of how we must work together more closely, share our resources more intentionally, and have a culture, heart and mind shift about what it means to be co-workers in the same mission.

And so this year I'm inviting us to reflect on **The Health …of… the Body**.

As we face the pressures of both new restrictions and new growth, what does it mean for our church to be one body and to function in a healthy way?

When I ran the Dunedin Marathon recently, we faced long stretches of running into a strong headwind along the Otago Peninsula. On my own, I felt the full force of it. I could feel my energy being drained as I tried to face it alone.

But the runners around me began to form a group – one person moved to the front while the others tucked in behind to reduce wind resistance – a technique runners call drafting. When someone got tired, someone else would take a turn. Together, we were able to hold a pace none of us could have sustained alone.

Everyone contributed. Everyone received.

And today I'm suggesting that if we're going to run the long race in our Diocese, we need to stop running individual races and start thinking more like those runners who worked together.

One of the joys of the Christian life is that no one follows Jesus alone. Paul describes us as being adopted into God's family and the Body of Christ, the Church. We belong to one another because we all belong to Christ.

In a similar way, we are not independent parishes going it alone. We are local expressions of the Body of Christ, joined spiritually and relationally to one another. We are interdependent, we share the load, and we move together under Christ. None of us was meant to face the headwind alone.

In Anglican ecclesiology, it is us as the diocese together that is understood to be the primary expression of the local Church for one region. The Diocese is not some head office, and it's certainly not just about a Bishop bossing people about. No! My friends - together – we are the Diocese. Together we take on the responsibility and mission of being the church in the top of the south.

Just like a body has systems to monitor and respond to the needs of the whole – A Diocese is able to help the right resources get to the places across an entire region. This means parishes are not self-contained silos but are connected to one another through a shared life and purpose, ensuring that a faithful Christian presence is sustained in every corner of our region, in different forms.

Now, I think that's great news! Because Jesus came to proclaim good news to the poor and the affluent, and He commissioned us to make disciples everywhere, in towns and cities, and on farms and in villages.

And one of the most important convictions I wish for this Synod to take full ownership of is this; The place we've been called by God to inhabit and minister in is not just the local area where we live, but the wider area, the Top of the South. If we don't step up and take our calling and mission to the Top of the South seriously, **we should not expect someone else to. We are God's number 1 strategy for this part of his mission field.** The gifts we need are sitting in our pews. The experience we need is present in our congregations. The wisdom we need is distributed throughout this Diocese. The Spirit has already supplied what the Body requires.

But we do need to start working together for the whole – not just the parts.

Our challenge as the Nelson diocese is to learn how to live into this reality of one body and to address where our structures, culture and habits restrict our flourishing together in the gospel.

Paul consistently uses this image of the body when describing the Church. In Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4, he reminds believers that we belong to one another. We are diverse in gifts, personality, culture, tradition, and ministry, but united in Christ.

When one part flourishes, the whole body benefits.
When one part is neglected, the whole body becomes weaker.
And so - if one of our parishes experiences renewal, other parishes should rejoice. And if one of our rural churches struggles, other churches should be concerned. We belong to one another.

And so I want to name five marks of what it means for us to be a healthy Body of Christ…

Our Head is Christ – he directs
Our parishes are interdependent – we share
Our member's grow and offer their gifts – we contribute & mature
Our system connects- we're united
And Our vulnerable parts receive special honour – we care
Our system releases- we empower/communicate

**1. A Healthy Body Has a Healthy Head**

Paul writes in Ephesians 4 :15 that we are to grow up into Christ, "who is the head."
The first mark of health is not activity. It is not busyness. It is not visibility.
The first mark of health is submission to Jesus Christ.
Every healthy body takes its direction from its head.
The brain accounts for only about 2% of body weight, yet it coordinates every major bodily function. Every healthy movement of the body begins with the head. Everything responds to signals from our brains.

Similarly, every healthy movement within the Church starts with Christ.
Our challenge is not to become busier churches but better listeners.
The question before every parish is therefore simple:
Are we becoming more responsive to the leading of Jesus?
Healthy churches listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.
Healthy churches pray.
Healthy churches ask not merely, "What do we want?" or " but "What is Christ calling us to become?"
If Jesus is truly the Head of our church – then listening to his guidance is the most important thing we can do.

**2. A Healthy Body Thrives Through Interdependence**

One of Paul's most profound observations in 1 Corinthians 12 is that no part of the body can say to another, "I don't need you."

I think this may be one of the most important lessons for our Diocese in the coming season.

We have inherited a culture that often celebrates independence and have used terms like sustainability to mean 'on your own'. Yet the New Testament describes something different. Churches are called to mutual dependence.

The earliest churches shared leadership, testimonies, resources, encouragement, and mission across geographical and cultural boundaries. They understood that their health and effectiveness depended not only on the strength of individual congregations but also on their connectedness to the wider body.

As a Diocese, we too are called to resist isolation and embrace interdependence, recognising that we are stronger, wiser, and more fruitful when we learn from one another and support one another in God's mission.

All of our parishes have something they can give to others, and something they need to receive from others.

Rather than a posture that feels the need to protect what we have, what might it look like to instead see what God has entrusted to us is to be shared?

Instead of asking, "How do we protect our resources?" can we begin asking, "How can our strengths strengthen others?"

Because we are one family in Christ. We are in this boat together.

And a healthy body operates through reciprocity. Everyone contributes. Everyone receives.

Can we move beyond our idol of Western individualism - to a more biblical understanding where we care for the whole? I believe we can! And I believe in this season we must.

**3. A Healthy Body Grows and Matures as Every Part Plays Its Part**

In 1962, President Kennedy visited NASA and came across a janitor carrying a broom. He stopped and asked, "What are you doing?" The janitor didn't say, "I'm sweeping the floor." He said, "Mr President, I'm helping put a man on the moon."

I love that story because it reminds me of Paul's words in Romans 12:6 that each member has different gifts according to the grace given to them.

The moon landing wasn't just the work of astronauts and engineers. It was the work of everyone. The person holding the broom was as committed to the mission as the person designing the rocket. The janitor understood that a dirty floor could pose safety hazards and disrupt the work needed to put a man on the moon.

The same is true in our Diocese. It's easy to notice the work of our clergy, wardens, preachers, and worship leaders. But the mission of God also depends on those who quietly pray, welcome people at the door, serve on vestries, care for buildings, balance accounts, teach children, serve morning teas, and visit the lonely - week after week after week.

And a healthy body is one where every part knows it matters, every part is valued, and every part plays its role in God's mission.

This is one of the most liberating truths in the New Testament.

Nobody has every gift. But Everybody has some gift.

And the goal of biblical leadership is not for Clergy and a few super-leaders to do all the ministry – but for everyone to be equipped to play their part.

Healthy churches help people discover their calling, release them into ministry, and expect participation over spectatorship.

Some are gifted as shepherds, evangelists, teachers, administrators.

Some are gifted as prayers, cup of tea makers, fence painters, and vacuum cleaners.

Some are gifted as bass players, fundraisers, prayer warriors, Sunday school teachers, and lawn mowers.

Every gift matters. And right now we need every gift that God has given us – so I invite you to step up and contribute what God has given you for the good of the whole body! Don't be shy?

**Why must we play our part?**

Paul, in Ephesians 4:12-13, tells us that God's purpose in giving us different gifts is for the Church to grow and mature in Christ.
Healthy things grow. But growth is not only about numbers.
A healthy Diocese is not simply producing attendees. It's forming disciples.
People who know Scripture and pray
People who serve and forgive.
People who embody the character of Christ, and the fruit of the Spirit.
Programmes and Events are important –
But only discipleship produces maturity.
This is especially important for rural and smaller parishes. Long-term health will require ministry models that are sustainable, reproducible, and rooted in local discipleship rather than dependence on a few heroic individuals.
Our goal is mature Christians, not simply bigger churches.
How are you playing your part in making disciples and helping others mature in Christ?

**4. A Healthy Body Has A Communication and Connective System**

When I run, my body directs more blood and oxygen to my leg muscles because they need extra support to keep moving. Without the circulatory system coordinating this, my legs would tire quickly and I would be unable to run effectively.

A healthy body relies on systems, such as the nervous system, that coordinate support and resources, ensuring every part receives what it needs to contribute to the mission of the whole.

In the same way, the Diocese helps direct resources, leadership, and support to the parts of the Church that need them most, enabling the whole Body to carry out the mission of Christ. Like connective tissue that holds the body together (Eph 4:16), the diocese supports and unites parishes so they can function as one body.

Just as cells communicate through chemical and electrical signals to keep the body healthy, the diocese enables communication and cooperation across the Church. Without a healthy system, the different parts would struggle to work together, just as a body cannot function properly if its messages don't get through.

**5. A Healthy Body Honours and Strengthens Its Weakest Parts**

Finally, Paul says something remarkable in 1 Corinthians 12.

The parts of the body that seem weaker are indispensable. v22

When you cut your finger, your body doesn't say, 'That's not my problem.' It mobilises energy and attention towards the wound. The healthy body instinctively moves toward weakness.

A few years ago, I hurt my Pinky toe by knocking it against the bed frame. It seemed like a minor injury – after all it's just a toe, and the smallest toe. To avoid pain, I changed how I landed with each step, which shifted my foot position. This, in turn, affected my ankle, then my knee, hip, and overall posture. Over time, I developed back pain and my running form declined, setting me back several months. This shows how even a small injury can disrupt the entire kinetic chain.

Paul says the Church works exactly the same way. When one member struggles, a ministry weakens, or a parish suffers, the effects ripple through the whole body. Therefore, a healthy Diocese moves towards weakness with attention, honour, and practical support.

In God's Kingdom, health is measured not by how we treat the strong but by how we care for the vulnerable.

- A healthy Diocese does not ignore struggling congregations.
- It does not overlook isolated leaders.
- It does not neglect rural communities.
- It does not leave economically challenged parishes to face their challenges alone. It pays special attention to them.

This principle calls us to a deeper culture of generosity – and of heartfelt concern for those beyond our own neighbourhoods and parishes.

And that's because healthy churches do not behave like reservoirs – but instead they are like rivers.

- They share encouragement and hope.
- They share leaders and resources.
- They share wisdom and hope.

Not just in our own communities, but even further afield. I long to see our Tikanga Māori partners in Te Waipounamu flourish under the leadership of Pihopa Susan Wallace. I long to see us better support the parishes who are part of the Anglican Community of St Mark across the *motu.*

So may we move towards those who feel lonely and forgotten, those who are struggling and hurting.

**Conclusion**

So, as we gather at this Synod, I'm inviting us to more radically consider what we need to tangibly do to become A healthy Body of Christ.

A Diocese where Christ is truly the Head.

A Diocese where resources flow between us more freely and parishes depend upon one another.

A Diocese where every member's gifts contribute to the growth and maturity of the whole.

A Diocese where our communication and connectivity system works promotes unity

And A Diocese where the body protects its vulnerable parts and our weaker parts receive special honour.

Because the time of looking after our own patch and looking after our own best interests must come to an end. We simply can't afford to keep doing things how we've been doing them. Because if we are to survive and thrive as the Diocese for God's mission in the Top of the South – we must learn how to behave like the one body that Jesus intends us to be.

**Reflection/ Discussion Questions**

1. What gifts, strengths, experiences, or resources has God entrusted to me/our parish that I/we could share for the benefit of other churches in the Diocese?
2. In which areas do we most require support, encouragement, or collaboration from other members of the Body of Christ?
3. How can we intentionally bless our community and become a people who live from spiritual overflow rather than scarcity?

**Greetings:**

**Waiapu:** Dear Bishop Stephen and Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Nelson

Greetings and peace to you all in Christ.
We send you the prayerful support and greetings of the Diocese of Waiapu as you meet for your Synod. Our prayers surround and uphold you as you meet in the fellowship of Christ by which we are bound together in love. May the work that you do together during this Synod be enriching for you as you meet, and life-giving for those about whom decisions are made. In your debates, fellowship and worship together may God continue to be revealed as the source of the aroha (love), rongo (peace) and hari (joy) which we proclaim in our life together.

With assurance of our prayerful support, The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge

**Waikato and Taranaki:** Dear Bishop Steve and Members of Synod of the Diocese of Nelson,
Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you prepare to meet for this year's Synod, please accept the warm greetings and prayers of your colleagues in the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki. May your gathering be a time of fruitful conversation, spiritual encouragement, and attentive listening to God's call. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your deliberations, strengthen your fellowship, and inspire your vision for the future.

Be assured of our prayers as you meet in worship, discernment, and decision-making, and may God's blessing rest upon all that you undertake together.

With every blessing for your Synod gathering.

The Most Rev Philip Richardson

Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, Archbishop Emeritus

**Wellington Diocese:**

Members of the Synod of the Diocese of Nelson

Bishop Steve, Synod Representatives, Clergy and all of Christ's whānau in the Diocese of Nelson: as Archbishop I extend greetings to you all as you begin your time together.

As Diocesan Bishop, and along with Bishop Anashuya, please also accept the greetings from across Raukawa Moana of the Diocese of Wellington.

If I have this correct, this must be the First Session of your 60th Synod as a Diocese – meaning you have already gathered at least 119 times, perhaps more when there was more than one Synod in a year. That is a great legacy. Each of you stand as part of a great cloud of witnesses who said yes to being bold and generous stewards of the gifts of God for your area. Thank you all for playing your part. I pray joy for you all as you gather: joy in each other, joy in the service of Christ's church; and above all joy in the Lord who is your strength. May you all be blessed with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to discern Jesus' call to follow Him in this season - so that the Good News of His saving power may be strengthened in every place that you are blessed to call home.

With every blessing in Christ to you all.
The Most Reverend Justin Duckworth
Archbishop of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and Senior Bishop Wellington Diocese

**Dunedin:**

Kia ora Bishop Steve and Diocese of Nelson Synod members

Synod Greetings, Grace and peace to you from the Diocese of Dunedin as you gather for your Diocesan Synod.

Please be assured of our prayers as you come together to worship, reflect, and discern God's leading for the life and mission of your Diocese. May your time together be marked by wisdom, openness to the Holy Spirit, and a deep sense of partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray that your conversations will be grace-filled and constructive, that your decisions will strengthen the witness of the Church, and that you will be encouraged in the shared calling to serve Christ in your communities.

May God richly bless your deliberations and grant you joy and fellowship throughout your Synod gathering.

With every blessing in Christ. Ngā manaakitanga The Right Reverend Dr Anne van Gend

**Auckland:**

Greetings to the Synod of the Diocese of Nelson

Dear Bishop Steve

I extend warm greetings and blessings to you as you gather for your Synod.

There is much in the world and the Church that can cause us concern and uncertainty. In the midst of it we are called to look for the signs of the kingdom and to proclaim the hope which God has given us in Christ.

I pray that your time together as a diocesan family will allow you to gather fresh insights into God’s coming kingdom, and to find the wisdom and courage to respond to where Christ is leading you.

Nga manaakitanga, Bishop Ross Bay

**Christchurch:**

Dear Bishop Steve and members of the Synod of Nelson,

I send you greetings

The Right Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell

## PEOPLE NOTICES:

**ORDINATIONS:**

**Holy Order of Deacons**

Reverend Michael Paul Johnston
Reverend Samuel Thomas Oomen

**PARISH APPOINTMENTS: (N) = new to the diocese**

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| Reverend Bradley Wood | Vicar, Waimea Parish |
| Reverend Andrew Spence | Co-Vicar, Motueka Parish (n) |
| Reverend Emily Spence | Co-Vicar, Motueka Parish (n) |
| Reverend Michael Johnston | Deacon, Wakefield Parish |
| Reverend Samuel Oomen | Deacon, All Saints Parish |
| Mr Nigel Irwin | Minister in Charge, Blenheim South Parish (n) |

**APPOINTMENTS:**

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| Reverend Paul Milson | Ministry Coordinator – Social Services |
| Reverend Paul Milson | Missioner in the Diocese |
| Mika Ito | Anglican Centre Administration/Asst. to Diocesan Manager |
| Avril Marshall | Payroll & Finance Administrator |

**NEW LAY SYNOD REPS:**

Philip Booth (Cobden-Runanga)
Hannah Braddock (Richmond)
Nicola Calder (Cathedral)
Mary Cropp (Picton)
Valerie Crouch (Wakefield & Districts)
Pauline England (Buller)
Philip England (Buller)
Katherine Hinds (Greymouth & Kumara)
Robin Mead (Motueka)
Laura Murray (Awatere)
Andrea Nelson (Wakefield & Districts)
Suzanne Roper (Cobden-Runanga)
Linda Scaife (Blenheim South)
Stephen Scaife (Blenheim South)

**ALTERNATES:**

Alison Mountfort (Tahunanui)
Noah Schneider (Golden Bay)

**RESIGNATIONS:**

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| Reverend Russell Pickersgill-Brown | Vicar, Motueka Parish (March 2026) |
| Reverend Dr Deolito Jr Vistar | Vicar, Blenheim South Parish (January 2026) |
| Jason Shaw | Ministry Coordinator – Social Services (December 2025) |
| Erin O'Sullivan-Moffat | Payroll and Finance Administrator (August 2026) |
| Renata van der Wal | Administration Ministry Education (January 2026) |

**THOSE WE REMEMBER:**

We remember with gratitude and thanksgiving those who have died since our last Synod and give thanks for the ways in which their lives enriched our parishes and Diocese.

**ALL SAINTS**

**James (Jim) Alley** *d. 27th April 2026.* (aged 80+) Jim struggled with deafness and an inability to speak but he communicated wonderfully with hand movements and smiles. He was a wonderful artist whose drawings are hanging at All Saints. He absolutely adored children.

**Colin Hansen** *d. 15th June 2026.* Colin, an 80-year-old who for many years helped in Loaves and Fishes ministry, attended All Saints and regularly and our seniors ministry until more recently when ill health precluded this. He always had a smile and a joke.

**Patricia Pringle** *d. 8th May 2026.* Patricia was another of our senior parishioners who had attended our 9am service for a number of years, was a great prayer warrior. She was enlisted to pray for several parish organisations and especially for children and family ministries over a long period of time. She was also involved outside All Saints in a healing prayer organisation.

**Robert Burgess** *d. 6th January 2026.* Robert, a retired minister and long-time parishioner, for many years ran a teaching home group for a number of the older members of our parish. As a retired CMS missionary, he continued to have a keen interest in overseas mission, both with CMS and within the parish. (Refer ministry details under 'Diocese')

**BLENHEIM**

**Jovita Cross** *d. 26th September 2025.* Jovita was a member at Renwick church and joined the Nativity choir on special occasions.

**Peter Alexander Olliver** *d. 7th November 2025.* Peter contributed to the life of the parish through preaching, and as a Carecell leader and attendant

**Elizabeth Saville Smith** *d. 5th February 2026* Elizabeth was a regular attendee of the 8am service. She assisted with Thursday services as reader.

**Eileen Jessie Guard** *d. 27th August 2026* Eileen was the parish Choir Leader and led worship. She also led and did readings at Thursday services.

**Pamela Neal** *d. 10th September 2026*. Pam was involved in children's ministry, and served as the Parish Mission Motivator providing oversight for missions. She was also a member of the church flower team and served on the Diocesan Overseas Mission Council for around 14 years. Pam and her husband Rev Canon John Neal later moved to Palmerston North. Her memorial service was held at Nativity, Blenheim.

**Rev Canon David Gribble** *d. 2nd October 2026* (aged 91) David was a valued member of the staff at Nativity Church (Refer ministry details under 'Diocese')

**BLENHEIM SOUTH**

**Rev Canon David Gribble** *d. 2nd October 2026* David and his wife Noeline were loved and valued members of St. Christopher's, where they settled after David's retirement. We were greatly blessed by their faithful contribution to and participation in the life of the Parish - David frequently served in celebrating communion and preaching, which was warmly received and appreciated. We look forward to worshiping with them both in glory!
(Refer ministry details under 'Diocese')

**CATHEDRAL**

**Ron Shaw** *d. 19th September 2025.* Ron, a popular parishioner who had been a health and safety manager in his working life and brought huge help, common sense and expertise to the cathedral's health and safety plan.

**Maureen Wagg** *d. 20th September 2025.* Maureen had a great ministry managing the votive candles and prayer corner. The cathedral goes through some 2,000 candles a month, evincing how important this ministry is to the people of Nelson.

**Beverly Beattie** *d. 2nd October 2025.* Bev was a regular attendee and an active member of the Cathedral Care Team. She was still reaching out and caring for others a few weeks before she died.

**Bruce Bygate** *d. 14th October 2025*. Bruce, a former senior RNZAF officer and pilot and wife Rosemary were an integral part of cathedral life. Bruce was flying well into his 80s. Following surgery his health never fully recovered.

**Evelyn Punt** *d. 1st January 2026.* Age meant that Evelyn was an occasional attendee and followed the cathedral closely through her daughter and granddaughter in the choir. Oftentimes, there were four generations present at services when her great-grandchildren attended.

**Jocelyn Sturgeon** *d. 16th January 2026.* Jocelyn was a very well-known and respected Nelsonian and a regular attendee. Jocelyn and husband Murray have been benefactors to many worthy causes in Nelson.

**Ruby Hodge** *d. 26th June 2026.* Ruby was a retired nursing sister and a regular attendee on Sundays and midweek services. She was well known for her warmth, generosity and care for others.

**GREYMOUTH & KUMARA**

**Mary Findlay** *d. January 14, 2026.* (aged 77) Mary was a faithful and active member of our parish throughout her life. She taught Sunday School, participated in home groups, led worship at the 6pm Saturday service, was part of the funeral greeting team, and served on the white bait sandwich stall at our annual fair for over 20 years. She was also involved in the wider community as a member of the Women's Institute and a volunteer with Community Alternative Resources for the Elderly (C.A.R.E.). She journeyed through her last battle with cancer with grace and a smile that blessed everyone who visited her.

**MAPUA**

**Robin Gregory** *d. 10th May 2026.* Robin was a member of the 'Senior Moments' Eldercare ministry and a talented musician.

**Rev Max Hornblow** *d. 23rd October 2025.* Max, was a retired Presbyterian minister, who contributed to the life of Hills Community Church through his preaching & pastoral care. His generosity of life, energy and resources were a blessing to the parish.

**MOTUEKA**

**Helen Simkin** *d. 27thAugust 2026*. (aged 86) Helen, and her husband Barry, were longtime parishioners at St Thomas's Motueka from 1983, having also previously been involved in the church at Collingwood. Helen served her lord and her church in various ways throughout her life. She was a prominent and active member of the AAW at both parish and diocesan levels for many years. Helen served on St Thomas's church committee and on Motueka parish vestry, as well as being a member of synod, and serving as a parish nominator and as a Warden. For a few years Helen and Barry also lived in Murchison, and attended and supported St Paul's, before returning to Motueka.

**Barry Simkin** d. *7th November 2025*. (aged 87) Barry was a well-known and supportive member of the church family at St Thomas's for many years. In earlier years, he was known for contributing practical skills and always being present at church working bees, as well as for helping organise and serving at men's fellowship dinners. Barry was also prominent in the wider community and served for a time as Chair of the Motueka Community House. In more recent years, Barry was a familiar figure to St Thomas's family as he drove Helen to church every Sunday.

**Nova Elizabeth Davey** d. *21 March 2026* . (aged 82) Nova was a hugely valued member of both St James', Ngātīmoti and St Thomas', Motueka. She led a children's choir at St James' for many years and contributed significantly to the worship life in the parish. She was an accomplished musician and played both the organ and piano. For 25 years she served as organist at St James', more recently at St Thomas'. She was always encouraging others to show their gifts, supporting many young people to develop music. She was also a much loved teacher and community contributor in Ngātīmoti.

**PICTON**

**Marlene Overend** *d. 12th September 2026 (aged 85).* Marlene was a much loved member of Holy Trinity, Picton, along with her husband Ken. During her time at Holy Trinity she served on Vestry and was a Synod Representative and took an active part in the life of the Church and the local community.

**RICHMOND**

**Annetta Hodges** *d. 22nd September 2025.* Annetta was blessed with many talents, which she used faithfully in service to God and our Parish, for many years. Annetta shared her home for her Bible Study group, prepared meals for our *Lunch on the Hill* ministry, sewed skilfully for AAW fundraising and *Christmas Child* ministry, prepared Quiz questions for church fundraiser socials, and lifted her voice with the Choir each week, to glorify the Lord.

**Anne Green** *d. 28th May 2026.* Anne was generous in hospitality, supporting her late husband John Green in his parish leadership role by opening their home and hosting Vestry meetings. She also hosted the Parish Youth Sunday Tea and the Ladies Prayer group, each week. Anne was known to be a prayer Warrier (sometimes in prayer for the Church, throughout the night). Her beautifully kept garden was often used by the Parish for garden tours, and small group outings. A woman of faith, prayer and hospitality.

**Alison Heslop** *d. 13th August 2026.* Alison held a number of Church leadership roles throughout the years, including as Richmond People's Warden, Vestry member, AAW President, and the Diocesan AAW representative to National Council of Women. Until late last year, Alison was the Richmond Parish Choir Leader, running choir practise and selecting the music each week for the 9am services and the Christmas and Easter special services. Alison was an insightful farmer, homemaker and conservationist; well known by church, family, and community for her practical wisdom and humorous anecdotes. She was very well loved and now missed by all.

**SPRING CREEK**

**Malcolm Dick** *d. 11th January 2026*. A long time parishioner who was always willing to lend a hand and contribute to the life of the parish in whatever way was needed.

**Adrian White** *d. 11th July 2026.* A long-standing member of the parish community who was always willing to help, giving their time and practical support wherever it was needed.

**WAKEFIELD & DISTRICTS**

**Rev Allan Wasley** *d. 22nd September 2025.* Rev Allan Wasley was the Vicar of Wakefield and Districts Parish from 2006 -2018. Allan was a much-loved Vicar who coped with the vagaries of parish life with skill, expertise and good humour. Following his retirement and aware of the challenges faced by the parish, Allan asked whether he could help in some way. Prior to his death, Allan was rostered to help with occasional worship leading and preaching. He freely gave his support, wisdom and encouragement whenever he was asked. We miss him**.** (Refer ministry details under 'Diocese')

**Caroline Gibbs** *d. 21st February 2026*. Caroline was a lifelong parishioner at St Johns church in Wakefield. She served the Wakefield Parish throughout her life in the positions of organist (60 years), Vestry member, churchwarden and Synod representative. In addition, Caroline served as a committee member of the 150th celebration team of 1996 and was an early member of the Mothers Union – later to be AAW. Caroline was baptised in St Johns church in its 100th year and married her late husband Donald in St Johns church – so there was never any doubt where her funeral service would be held. Caroline was a wonderful example within the parish of a life well lived in Christian service.

**June Anderson** *d. 12th July 2026.* The Anderson family lived at Spring Grove for many years and even after her move to Stillwater Gardens Rest Home, June was a great friend of the parish and always thought of Wakefield as her home. Her spirit of generosity (the purchase of the church van, a new garage to keep it in (the triple bay garage at the Vicarage) and the costs of tar sealing the Vicarage driveway, continue to be appreciated and used daily by the church. We give thanks for her generous spirit, her unfaltering faith in God and her genuine love and affection for her family.

**WAIRAU VALLEY**

**Jovita E. Cross** *d. October 2025. (age* 89). Jovita was a valued member of Renwick Anglican Church from the 90's and was involved in a wide variety of ministries. Being Captain of the Girls Brigade in the 90's, Sunday School teacher, leader of a bible study, started Mainly Music in 2001, Bible in Schools teacher, enthusiastic singer (even sang in Nativity choir for a few years beginning 1988), member of prayer group and being very creative wrote end of year productions for Girls Brigade.

**DIOCESE**

**Reverend Robert Burgess (ordained Priest 1992)** *d. 6th January 2026.* Robert served the Diocese in both parish and diocesan ministry. In his parish ministry, he served as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Reefton and Havelock & the Sounds. In 1998, Robert was appointed Diocesan Secretary and Registrar until his retirement in 2001. He is remembered with gratitude for his dedicated service to the diocese.

**Reverend David Hastings (ordained priest 1980)** *d. 2-10-2025*. David devoted many years to ministry in the Diocese. Following his curacy in Blenheim he served as vicar of the parishes of Cheviot, Tahunanui, Awatere Joint Venture and Picton; and Archdeacon Rural Ministry; Regional Dean Marlborough; served as Chaplain to Nelson District Police. In retirement David occasionally assisted in Greymouth parish before moving to Christchurch. We give thanks for his faithful ministry in the life of the Church and community.

**Reverend Allan Wasley (ordained Priest 1983)** d: 22-9-2025 Allan came to the Nelson Diocese from the Diocese of Dunedin 2000. During his years of ministry here, he served as Vicar of Buller parish and later as Vicar of Wakefield & Districts parish. He also held the role of Regional Dean for Waimea. Allan is remembered with appreciation for his pastoral care and leadership.

**Reverend Felicity Whitcombe (ordained priest 2003)** d: 7-9-2026 Felicity faithfully served in the Diocese as Priest in Charge of Spring Creek Parish, Vicar of Victory (formerly Bishopdale) Parish, and Associate Priest of the Cathedral. She also served for two years as Regional Dean for Nelson. She and her husband Aubrey moved to the Christchurch Diocese, where she continued her ministry until retirement.

**Reverend Canon David George Gribble (ordained priest 1968)** *d: 2nd October 2026.* David served in several parishes from 1968 to 1995 as Assistant Curate Greymouth; Vicar Cobden-Runanga; Vicar Havelock and the Sounds; Vicar Cheviot, Vicar Wairau Valley, Vicar Kaikoura. He was Canon Emeritus, and also served as Chaplain RNZAF, Woodbourne. We give thanks for his ministry and contribution to the life of the Church.

**The Very Reverend Gavin Yates (ordained priest 1962)** *d.5th October 2026.* During Gavin's time in the Diocese, he served as Vicar of Westport and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral and was conferred the title of Canon Emeritus at the conclusion of this role. He left the Diocese to continue his ministry in other dioceses.

**We remember them with thanksgiving, for their lives and for the contribution each made to the life of our parishes and Diocese.**

**May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYNOD

### 1: Speaking Rights

That speaking, but non-voting rights are, for the duration of this session of Synod, granted to the following persons:

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| Mr Alex Summerlee | Legal Advisor |
| Mr Ed Duggan | Diocesan Finance Manager |
| Mrs Margaret Soderberg | Chair, Nelson Diocesan Trust Board |
| Mr Laurie Gabites | Chair, Anglican Care Committee |
| Dr Kate Tyler | Acting Dean, Bishopdale Theological College |
| Ms Jen Lun | Operations and Projects Officer, Anglican Missions |
| Rev Fraser McDermott | Chair, Standing Committee, Anglican Community of St Mark |
| Rev Lucy Flatt | Standing Committee, Anglican Community of St Mark |
| Rev Josh Taylor | Standing Committee, Anglican Community of St Mark |
| Mr Luke Watts | Student, Bishopdale College |

### 2: Diocesan Reports

### The Registrar tabled the following Reports of Synod:

Standing Committee

Anglican Care Committee
Association of Anglican Women
CAIRA
Health and Safety
Diocesan Overseas Missions

Hospital Chaplaincy

St Andrew's Family Trust

Diocesan Ministries

Bishop's Ministry Team:
Bishop's Chaplain/Ministry Education
Ministry Coordinator - Children and Families
Communications & Digital Content Advisor
Ministry Coordinator -Pioneering Ministry
Ministry Coordinator -Older Persons Services
Ministry Coordinator -Social Services
Ministry Coordinator -Youth and Young Adults
Women In Ministry Leadership Developer

Bishopdale Theological College

Dean's Report

Bishop Sutton Library

Risk & Assurance Committee

Nelson Diocesan Trust Board

Extra Diocesan

Nelson Mission to Seafarers
Anglican Missions
Church Army NZ
NZ Church Missionary Society (NZCMS)

Parish Reports

Financial Reports

## 3: Parish Levy

**Synod Resolved that –**

a. Commencing with the 2028 levy year, the Parish Levy be apportioned between parishes and ministry units on the basis of each parish's **Average Assessable Income calculated over the preceding three financial years**, using the definition provided in Appendix 1*
b. The 2027 levy year be treated as a **transitional year**, during which levy allocations shall be calculated under arrangements determined by Standing Committee in preparation for full implementation of the new methodology in 2028;
c. Standing Committee is authorised to finalise and publish the detailed definition of Assessable Income, including the treatment of restricted income, capital income, trust capital distributions, bequests, grants and other excluded income categories, consistent with the principles presented to Synod; and
d. They thank the parishes and ministry units that participated in the consultation process.

*Average assessable Income to include
- Ordinary giving
- Unrestricted donations;
- Diocesan and 3rd party grants that contribute to general ministry or staff costs
- Trust income available for general ministry or staff costs;
- Rental, hall and venue income;
- Income from weddings and funerals;
- Ordinary programme fees;
- Other unrestricted fundraising and trading income; and
- Other recurring receipts available for general parish purposes.

Non-Assessable to not include
- Tagged donations for property, mission and external-beneficiaries;
- All other diocesan and 3rd party grants and contributions, including property and capital grants;
- All other trust income, including property-related
- Bequests
- Trust capital distributions;
- Accounting revaluations;
- Asset disposal gains; and
- Capital-project fundraising

## 4: Synod Budget

**Synod resolved:**

1. That the report of the 2027 budget be received
2. That the schedule of Parish and Mission Units Levy Contributions for 2027 be approved subject to Motion 3.
3. That the 2027 budget be approved, noting the unsustainability of the deficit and reserve use.

## 5: Diocesan Overseas Mission Council Act 2004

**Synod Resolved that it:**

1. Continues the suspension of the Diocesan Overseas Mission Council (DOMC) Act 2004 until Synod 2027;
2. Approves the incorporation of the DOMC Act 2004 repeal and function transfer into the scheduled 2027 review of the Parishes Statute 2006;
3. Notes that Helen Neame will continue as Diocesan Overseas Missions Coordinator; and
4. Directs that formal consultation be undertaken with key stakeholders prior to the 2027 review.

## 6: Diocesan Missions Quota 2027

**That this Synod** accepts the recommendation of the Diocesan Missions Coordinator the 2027 Anglican Missions funding be set at $80,000.

## 7: Review of the Youth Rep Function at Synod

Synod resolved:

1. That Standing Committee review the purpose, function, and structure of the Youth Representative role at Synod.
2. That this review considers how the role can best provide for the voice, experience, and concerns of rangatahi (young people) and young adults to be heard within Synod.
3. That this review considers how the role can serve as a meaningful leadership development opportunity, including questions of age, preparation, support, formation, and who the role is most appropriately for.
4. That this review considers how the voice of rangatahi (young people) and young adults might also be encouraged within parish governance, including vestries, ministry teams, and working groups.
5. That Standing Committee consult with appropriate people, including Diocesan Ministry Coordinator for Youth & Young Adults, youth workers, current or recent Youth Representatives, and emerging young leaders, and bring any recommendations to Synod 2027.

## 8: Structures Statute Amendment Bill 2026

That this Synod assents to the Structures Statute Amendment Statute 2026

## 10: Motion of Thanks: Emmaus Training

The Parish of Cobden-Runanga would like to formally thank all those who were involved in the organisation and running of the Emmaus Training Event held at Holy Trinity Greymouth this July and would encourage something similar on a possible biennial basis.

## 11: Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute Amendment Bill 2026

**That this Synod** assents to the Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute Amendment Statute 2026.

## MOTIONS DEFEATED

## 9: Parishes Statute 2006 Amendment Bill 2026

The proposed **Parishes Statute 2006 Amendment Bill** regarding election of vestry members was defeated. However, Synod discussion clearly indicated that further work on a broader review of the Parishes Statute will continue and that significant decisions may return to Synod 2027.

**Action required:**

- Continue review of Parishes Statute.
- Consult with vestries and parishes.
- Return proposals to Synod 2027 if required.

**Responsible:** Standing Committee / Statute Review group

# Election Result:

## DULY ELECTED

As per Section 12.6 of the Diocesan Structures Statute –

If the number nominated shall not exceed the number to be elected, the President shall forthwith declare the persons so nominated to be duly elected.

## The President declares duly elected by Synod –

Very Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, Ms Laura Fear and Mr Brian Paton to Standing Committee for a term of three years

**Remaining vacancies become casual vacancies to be filled by Standing Committee.**

# Diocese of Nelson Structures Statute Amendment Bill 2026

A Statute to amend the provisions relating to the establishment of a Risk and Assurance Committee to clarify its purpose, responsibilities and relationship with Standing Committee, the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board, and other governance groups.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nelson in Synod assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. The short title of this statute shall be 'Diocese of Nelson Structures Statute 2021 Amendment Statute 2026'

2. The Statute set out in the schedule is hereby amended in terms of the schedule.

3. The Statute comes into force at the end of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

## Schedule

## Diocese of Nelson Structures Statute 2021

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| s27(1)<br><br>Support the Diocese to attain its vision and mission by providing an internal review and assessment of the risks and missed opportunities to the Diocese and providing advice to the Standing Committee and Nelson Diocesan Trust Board on whether appropriate systems and processes are in place to manage and mitigate against such risks. | s27(1)<br><br>Support the Diocese to attain its vision and mission by providing ~~an internal review and assessment of the risks and missed opportunities to the Diocese~~ **independent review, assurance and advice regarding the effectiveness of the Diocese's systems of risk management, internal control, compliance and governance assurance,** and providing advice to the Standing Committee and Nelson Diocesan Trust Board on whether appropriate systems and processes are in place to manage and mitigate ~~against such risks~~ significant risks facing the Diocese. | s27(1)<br><br>Support the Diocese to attain its vision and mission by providing independent review, assurance and advice regarding the effectiveness of the Diocese's systems of risk management, internal control, compliance and governance assurance, and providing advice to the Standing Committee and Nelson Diocesan Trust Board on whether appropriate systems and processes are in place to manage and mitigate significant risks facing the Diocese. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| s27(2)<br><br>Act on behalf of the Standing Committee and Trust Board to oversee all material aspects of the Diocese's risk management, financial reporting, internal controls and external audit functions as outlined in Terms of Reference agreed with the Standing Committee… | s27(2)<br><br>~~Act on behalf of the Standing Committee and Trust Board to oversee~~ **Provide assurance and advice to the Standing Committee and Trust Board regarding** all material aspects of the Diocese's risk management, financial reporting, internal controls and external audit functions as outlined in Terms of Reference agreed with the Standing Committee, which indicatively might include such matters as:<br>(a) financial management;<br>(b) accounting policy and practice;<br>(c) the robustness of the internal control framework, including risk management;<br>(d) reviewing the incorporation of changes in law and standards;<br>(e) health and safety processes;<br>(f) human resources and employment;<br>(g) reputational risk;<br>(h) professional standards;<br>**(i) safeguarding and ministry standards;**<br>**(j) privacy, information management and cyber-security risks.** | s27(2)<br><br>Provide assurance and advice to the Standing Committee and Trust Board regarding all material aspects of the Diocese's risk management, financial reporting, internal controls and external audit functions as outlined in Terms of Reference agreed with the Standing Committee, which indicatively might include such matters as:<br>(a) financial management;<br>(b) accounting policy and practice;<br>(c) the robustness of the internal control framework, including risk management;<br>(d) reviewing the incorporation of changes in law and standards;<br>(e) health and safety processes;<br>(f) human resources and employment;<br>(g) reputational risk;<br>(h) professional standards;<br>(i) safeguarding and ministry standards;<br>(j) privacy, information management and cyber-security risks. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
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| s27(3)<br><br>Advise and support the Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager as required on financial, accounting and financial policy matters, including preparation and collation of the diocesan annual accounts and budgets. | s27(3)<br><br>~~Advise and support the Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager as required on financial, accounting and financial policy matters, including preparation and collation of the diocesan annual accounts and budgets.~~<br>**Review and provide governance-level advice regarding the adequacy of financial reporting, financial controls and financial risk management arrangements.**<br>**The Committee shall not undertake management functions, direct employees, prepare budgets or annual accounts, or assume responsibility for operational risk management. Responsibility for such matters remains with management and the relevant governance bodies.** | s27(3)<br><br>Review and provide governance-level advice regarding the adequacy of financial reporting, financial controls and financial risk management arrangements. The Committee shall not undertake management functions, direct employees, prepare budgets or annual accounts, or assume responsibility for operational risk management. Responsibility for such matters remains with management and the relevant governance bodies. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| s27(4)<br><br>No provision | **New s27(4)**<br>**The Committee has a governance and assurance role only.**<br>**The Committee does not own risks, manage risks, direct staff, approve operational actions, investigate disciplinary matters or make executive decisions.**<br>**Responsibility for risk ownership and risk management remains with Standing Committee, the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board, diocesan management and any person or body holding delegated authority.** | s27(4)<br>The Committee has a governance and assurance role only.<br>The Committee does not own risks, manage risks, direct staff, approve operational actions, investigate disciplinary matters or make executive decisions.<br>Responsibility for risk ownership and risk management remains with Standing Committee, the Nelson Diocesan Trust Board, diocesan management and any person or body holding delegated authority. |

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| s28<br><br>The Committee shall meet with whatever frequency is required to discharge its functions but shall meet at least quarterly. | **S28**<br><br>**The Committee shall meet with whatever frequency is required to discharge its functions but shall meet at least quarterly.**<br>**The Committee shall adopt an annual work programme identifying the assurance activities to be undertaken during the year.** | S28<br><br>The Committee shall meet with whatever frequency is required to discharge its functions but shall meet at least quarterly.<br>The Committee shall adopt an annual work programme identifying the assurance activities to be undertaken during the year. |

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| s29<br>A quorum shall be not less than three members, one of which shall be the Chair or Deputy Chair. | No change | s29<br>A quorum shall be not less than three members, one of which shall be the Chair or Deputy Chair. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
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| s30<br>The Bishop will appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee from among its members after considering any recommendations from the Committee. | No change | s30<br>The Bishop will appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee from among its members after considering any recommendations from the Committee. |

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| s31(1)<br>The Committee will comprise a minimum of four members appointed by Standing Committee and include at least one member of the Standing Committee and one member of the Trust Board. Two independent members shall not be members of these bodies. | s31(1)<br>The Committee will comprise ~~a minimum of four members~~ **between three and five members** appointed by Standing Committee and include at least one member of the Standing Committee and one member of the Trust Board.<br>~~Two independent members shall not be members of these bodies.~~<br>**At least one member shall be independent of Standing Committee and the Trust Board.**<br>**Standing Committee may appoint additional members or advisers for particular expertise as required.** | s31(1)<br><br>The Committee will comprise between three and five members appointed by Standing Committee and include at least one member of the Standing Committee and one member of the Trust Board. At least one member shall be independent of Standing Committee and the Trust Board. Standing Committee may appoint additional members or advisers for particular expertise as required. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| s31(2)<br><br>Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a three year term on a rotational basis. PROVIDED that if any member shall fail to attend two consecutive meetings without leave of absence membership of the Committee shall cease. (3) The Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager will attend but will not be voting members of the Committee. The Diocesan Manager will act as Secretary to the Committee.<br><br>S31(3)<br><br>The Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager will attend but will not be voting members of the Committee. The Diocesan Manager will act as Secretary to the Committee. | No change | s31(2)<br><br>Each member of the Committee shall be appointed for a three year term on a rotational basis. PROVIDED that if any member shall fail to attend two consecutive meetings without leave of absence membership of the Committee shall cease. (3) The Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager will attend but will not be voting members of the Committee. The Diocesan Manager will act as Secretary to the Committee.<br><br>S31(3)<br><br>The Diocesan Manager and Finance Manager will attend but will not be voting members of the Committee. The Diocesan Manager will act as Secretary to the Committee. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| s31(4)<br><br>Members of the Committee should collectively have a mix of governance expertise with particular skills and knowledge in risk management, health and safety, financial reporting and control, and legislative and regulatory requirements. At least one member must have recent accounting or auditing experience. | s31(4)<br><br>Members of the Committee should collectively have a mix of governance expertise with particular skills and knowledge in risk management, health and safety, financial reporting and control, and legislative and regulatory requirements.<br>~~At least one member must have recent accounting or auditing experience.~~<br>**Standing Committee shall have regard to the desirability of the Committee collectively possessing expertise in governance, finance, audit, risk management, compliance and organisational assurance. Standing Committee shall use its best endeavours to ensure that at least one member possesses accounting, audit or equivalent financial expertise.** | S31(4)<br><br>Members of the Committee should collectively have a mix of governance expertise with particular skills and knowledge in risk management, health and safety, financial reporting and control, and legislative and regulatory requirements. Standing Committee shall have regard to the desirability of the Committee collectively possessing expertise in governance, finance, audit, risk management, compliance and organisational assurance. Standing Committee shall use its best endeavours to ensure that at least one member possesses accounting, audit or equivalent financial expertise. |
| s32(1)<br><br>The Diocesan and other Managers will provide reports to the Committee on various diocesan systems and processes on a regular timeframe to be agreed with the Committee. | s32(1)<br><br>**The Diocesan Manager and other relevant managers will provide reports to the Committee on risk management, compliance, financial controls, assurance activities and other matters requested by the Committee at intervals agreed with the Committee.** | s32(1)<br><br>The Diocesan Manager and other relevant managers will provide reports to the Committee on risk management, compliance, financial controls, assurance activities and other matters requested by the Committee at intervals agreed with the Committee. |

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
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| s32(1a)<br><br>No provision | s32(1a)<br><br>**The Committee shall review the diocesan risk register at least annually and receive regular reporting on significant and emerging risks.** | S32(1a)<br><br>The Committee shall review the diocesan risk register at least annually and receive regular reporting on significant and emerging risks. |
| s32(2)<br><br>The Committee through its Chair will report as required but at least quarterly to Standing Committee and the Trust Board. | s32(2)<br><br>The Committee through its Chair will report as required but at least quarterly to Standing Committee and the Trust Board.<br>**Such reports shall include significant risks identified, assurance activities undertaken, key findings, recommendations and any matters requiring escalation.** | s32(2)<br><br>The Committee through its Chair will report as required but at least quarterly to Standing Committee and the Trust Board. Such reports shall include significant risks identified, assurance activities undertaken, key findings, recommendations and any matters requiring escalation. |
| s32(3)<br><br>The Committee shall review its performance annually and prepare a report on its business and performance to each session of the Diocesan Synod. | s32(3)<br><br>The Committee shall review its performance annually and prepare a report on its business and performance to each session of the Diocesan Synod.<br>**The report shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Diocese's risk and assurance framework and any recommendations for improvement.** | s32(3)<br><br>The Committee shall review its performance annually and prepare a report on its business and performance to each session of the Diocesan Synod.<br>The report shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Diocese's risk and assurance framework and any recommendations for improvement. |

I certify that in terms of Standing Order 99 the 'Diocese of Nelson Structures Statute Amendment Bill 2026' was referred to me and I am satisfied that it is in order.

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Legal Advisor  Date

I certify that in terms of Standing Order 99 the 'Diocese of Nelson Structures Statute Amendment Bill 2026 was passed by Synod on the 9th October 2026.

+Steve  10 Oct 2026

President  Date

## Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute Amendment Bill 2026

A Statute to amend the provisions relating to the date of the review of the Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute 2025.

**Preamble**

The Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute 2025 was passed by Synod on 19 October 2025 and took effect from the 2026 Cathedral Annual General Meeting. Clause 17 currently provides that the Statute will cease to have effect on 31 December 2026, pending review by Standing Committee.

As the new governance arrangements have been in operation for only a limited period, insufficient experience has been gained to enable a full and meaningful review of their operation. Extending the date to 31 December 2028 will allow the Council of Nelson Cathedral to operate through a more substantial period before Standing Committee undertakes its review. This extension will also enable Standing Committee to recommend any changes to the Statute which are identified in the review to the 2028 Synod and avoids an unintended early termination of the Act if a review is not conducted by December 2026.

This amendment makes no other change to the membership, powers or duties of the Council. It simply preserves the existing governance arrangements while allowing sufficient time for an informed review and for any resulting recommendations to be brought before a future session of Synod. The amendment accordingly changes the expiry date in clause 17 from 31 December 2026 to 31 December 2028.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nelson in Synod assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. The short title of this statute shall be 'Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute
2. Amendment Statute 2026'
3. The Statute set out in the schedule is hereby amended in terms of the schedule. The Statute comes into force at the end of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

### Schedule

### Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute 2025

| CURRENT PROVISIONS | Proposed provision with mark-up | PROPOSED NEW PROVISION |
|---|---|---|
| S17<br>**Duration of Act**<br>This Act shall cease to have effect on 31 December 2026 pending a review by Standing Committee. | S17<br>**Duration of Act**<br>This Act shall cease to have effect on 31 December ~~2026~~ **2028** pending a review by Standing Committee. | S17<br>**Duration of Act**<br>This Act shall cease to have effect on 31 December 2028 pending a review by Standing Committee. |

I certify that in terms of Standing Order 99 the 'Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute Amendment Statute 2026' was referred to me and I am satisfied that it is in order.

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Legal Advisor Date

I certify that in terms of Standing Order 99 the 'Council of Nelson Cathedral Statute Amendment Statute 2026' was passed by Synod on the 9th October 2026.



# Diocese of Nelson

## Report on the 2027 Diocesan Budget

***PURPOSE OF REPORT***

This report is provided to enable Synod members to make an informed decision regarding approving the 2027 Parish Contributions to Diocesan Expenditure and the effect on Parish Finances.

***BUDGET PRESENTATION***

Attached to this report is the draft budget for the Diocese for the 2027 year.

***SIGNIFICANT HEAD WINDS***

Before I dive into the details of the 2027 draft budget, I need to inform Synod of some potential financial headwinds the Diocese will face over the coming two to three years. These headwinds have the potential to exert considerable financial pressure on both Parishes and the Diocese. These headwinds mean both management and Standing Committee will have to undertake significant work before bringing draft 2028-2030 budgets to the 2027 Synod.

The head winds the Diocese potentially face are

- The Nelson Diocesan Trust Board needs to increase capital gains on trust assets from approximately 1.8% per annum to the 100-year inflation average of 3.3% per annum to discharge the Boards intergenerational equity responsibilities. To achieve this increase in capital gain the Board will need to move from high cash yielding assets with no capital gain (such as term deposits and bonds) to low cash yielding assets with higher capital gain (such as international shares). This will reduce the cash income the Board will be able to provide to both parishes and the Diocese. The Board will consider ways to transition to a new balanced portfolio; however, parish and Diocesan cash income will be reduced for an extended period to provide long term sustainability. This transition is likely to start in 2028.
- The future contribution from St Johns College Trust Board grants for education, scholarships and training grants is uncertain. At the recent General Synod, our Tikanga Māori partner has been given the responsibility to devise a more equitable system to allocate St Johns trust funds among the three Tikanga. It is likely that there will be a decrease from 2028/29 onwards in the $401,131 that the Diocese currently receives. In addition, these changes may also impact also on the St Johns College Trust Board current funding of Bishopdale Theological College of $261,769
- Bishopdale Theological College's funding from Student fees and the government subsidies has recently been reduced. This and future fee share and subsidy reductions will place financial pressure on the College which in turn may place pressure on the Diocese to provide more funding.
- Parish property deferred maintenance and earthquake strengthening is another head wind the Diocese faces. Unfortunately, while vestries and management know specific problems (such as significant earthquake strengthening on several parishes and a costly reroof project on one parish property) the recent experiences with moving vicarages to healthy home compliance, suggests there is significant deferred maintenance on parish buildings. This affects our insurance (poorly maintained properties may lose some insurance protection) and creates increased remedial costs when problems require fixing. Within the next decade substantial cost may be incurred when maintenance can no longer be delayed.

- Depletion of parish and diocesan reserves. The Diocese and some parishes are supporting current levels of service and new initiatives from reserves. Once these reserves are depleted financial pressure will intensify on both parishes and the Diocese.
- General economic conditions are worsening with many families facing higher mortgage costs, grocery and fuel bills. This may see giving decline for some parishes.

***OVERVIEW OF BUDGET***

I have completed a draft of the 2027 budget with input from the Senior leadership team, and several significant changes has been made between the 2026 budget and the 2027 draft budget. These changes are listed below. A Synod summary of this budget is attached to this document.

Please note the use of specific purpose reserve income has been increased by $61,508 to reduce use of general reserves. Despite this change the limited time issue for using reserves continues to be a concern with the 2027 budget. Given the financial headwinds referred to above this issue must be addressed by management and Standing Committee when the 2028 to 2030 budgets are brought to the 2027 Synod.

***ASSUMPTIONS***

The following key assumptions have been used in compiling the budget.

- General Inflation 2.0%, applied to parish contributions as well (2026 2.5%)
- Salary Increase 3.0% (2026 1.7%)
- Permanent/Capital Trust Income Rate 4.5% as per NDTB 2027 budget (2026 4.5%)
- Income/Call Trust Income Rate 4.1% as per NDTB 2027 budget (2026 4.25%)
- As per their letter to the Diocese the St Johns Trust Board has budgeted to provide $201,131 of general education grant and $200,000 scholarship/training grant for the 2027 year. (Budgeted 2026 $201,131 and $200,000). It should be noted that the budget assumes a $20,000 carry over of scholarship/training grant from the 2026 year due to scholarships being repaid.
- The salaries budget has had 1.0 FTE's removed. (Youth enabler 0.5, Ministry Education administrator 0.4, OPMF enabler 0.1)
- No provision has been made for any further redress payments for past abuse claims.
- Draw on specific income reserves has increased by $61,058.

***KEY FINANCIAL IMPACTS***

The key financial impacts are set out in the below table

| Change | Amount $ |
|---|---|
| **Income Changes** | |
| Increased Special trust income from higher starting balances and public trust income offset by interest rate decline | 10,591 |
| Decreased General Purpose Trust Income (diocese "call" balance less and lower interest rate) | (21,420) |
| Increase Non-Group Trust Grants | 19,500 |
| Admin Fee increases | 9,040 |
| St John Scholarship and Training grant Carried forward from 2026 | 20,000 |
| Rental from Suter house no longer collected (or paid) | (39,000) |
| Miscellaneous net income decreases | (6, 549) |
| **Total Income Decrease** | **(7,838)** |

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|---|---|
| **Expenditure Changes** | |
| Staff Salary and Stipends 3 % increase | 42,856 |
| 1.0 FTE decrease including, pension, housing allowance etc | (99,909) |
| Young Leader Training not budgeted in 2026 | 45,500 |
| Full year budgeting of curacy training that was budgeted for 9 Months in 2026 | 10,500 |
| Increased project grants (from special trust income) | 8,000 |
| Reduce Monitoring Grants budget by $50,000 to what is committed. No new monitoring grants in 2027 | (50,000) |
| Increased hardship grants from increased nongroup grant income | 18,500 |
| Increased elder care grants | 9,267 |
| St John Scholarship and Training grant Carried forward from 2026 | 20,000 |
| Reduced property cost including Suter house rental cost of ($39,000) | (41,513) |
| Increased compliance costs (legal/audit) | 18,013 |
| Miscellaneous cost increases (mainly inflation) | 21,909 |
| **Total Expenditure increase** | **3,123** |
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| **Total Surplus Change (from $108,748 deficit to $119,708 deficit)** | **(10,961)** |
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| **Transfer to/from Reserves Changes** | |
| Reduced transfer to reserves due to higher special purpose expenditure offset by higher income | 7,061 |
| Increased transfer for Revitalisation from Mead bequest | 36,416 |
| Increased transfer from OPFM fund for grants | 12,994 |
| Reduced use of Baigent trust for social services position | (52,795) |
| Increased use of Whakarewa trust for social services position | 61,677 |
| Net other transfers to/from reserves movements | 2,766 |
| **Total Reserve Transfers Changes** | **68,119** |
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| **Net Deficit decrease after transfers** | **(57,159)** |
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| **2026 Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit) (after transfers)** | **(135,899)** |
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| **2027 Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit) (after transfers)** | **(78,740)** |

***PARISH LEVY CONTRIBUTIONS (via monthly Quota payment)***

Based on the previous population allocation method it is recommended that Parish contributions towards Diocesan Levy of $141,859 (2026 $139,077) is collected on the following basis (subject to synod resolution on the Diocesan Levy: -

| Parish | Population Percentage | 2027 Levy | 2026 Levy | Increase | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| All Saint's | 4.68% | 6,639 | 6,509 | 130 | 2.00% |
| Atawhai | 2.96% | 4,199 | 4,117 | 82 | 2.00% |
| Awatere | 1.00% | 1,419 | 1,391 | 28 | 2.00% |
| Blenheim | 9.78% | 13,874 | 13,602 | 272 | 2.00% |
| Blenheim South | 6.52% | 9,249 | 9,068 | 181 | 2.00% |
| Buller | 4.33% | 6,142 | 6,022 | 120 | 2.00% |
| Cathedral | 4.70% | 6,667 | 6,537 | 130 | 2.00% |
| Cobden | 2.20% | 3,121 | 3,060 | 61 | 2.00% |
| Golden Bay | 2.91% | 4,128 | 4,047 | 81 | 2.00% |
| Greymouth | 4.82% | 6,838 | 6,703 | 135 | 2.00% |
| Havelock | 1.79% | 2,539 | 2,489 | 50 | 2.00% |
| Kaikoura | 2.17% | 3,078 | 3,018 | 60 | 2.00% |
| Mapua | 2.41% | 3,419 | 3,352 | 67 | 2.00% |
| Motueka | 8.52% | 12,086 | 11,849 | 237 | 2.00% |
| Picton | 2.96% | 4,199 | 4,117 | 82 | 2.00% |
| Reefton | 2.11% | 2,993 | 2,934 | 59 | 2.00% |
| Richmond | 9.57% | 13,576 | 13,309 | 267 | 2.00% |
| Spring Creek | 1.67% | 2,369 | 2,323 | 46 | 2.00% |
| Stoke | 9.05% | 12,838 | 12,586 | 252 | 2.00% |
| Tāhunanui | 3.15% | 4,469 | 4,381 | 88 | 2.00% |
| Victory | 3.47% | 4,923 | 4,826 | 97 | 2.00% |
| Waimea | 2.61% | 3,703 | 3,630 | 73 | 2.00% |
| Wairau | 2.84% | 4,029 | 3,950 | 79 | 2.00% |
| Wakefield. & Dist. | 3.78% | 5,362 | 5,257 | 105 | 2.00% |
| **Total** | **100.00%** | **141,859** | **139,077** | **2,782** | **2.00%** |

***TRANSFER FROM RESERVES***

**Transfer from Reserves**

This budget assumes the use of reserves that will be expended in time. Once a reserve is used expenditure will need to be cut or alternative income sources found. Below is a table of reserves being used indicating how long they will last based on current usage. Please note I have added prior years balances. Several reserves have increased their balances in past years as budgeted use has not occurred.

| List of Reserve balances been used | 2024 Actual Balance | 2025 Actual Balance | 2026 Est Balance | 2027 Usage | Years Left |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Older Persons Ministry Funds** | **337,781** | **279,793** | **285,094** | **83,734** | **3.40** |
| **Mae & Betty Sherratt Charitable Trust** | **87,619** | **84,443** | **65,778** | **17,162** | **3.83** |
| **Emerging Leaders - Clergy Fund (2026 balance includes $25,000 transfer from St Johns Scholarships)** | **80,396** | **48,827** | **46,308** | **39,360** | **1.18** |
| **Property Maintenance Reserve** | **166,956** | **123,267** | **119,899** | **21,734** | **5.52** |
| **Godwin Charitable Trust** | **11,140** | **11,794** | **8,477** | **4,652** | **1.82** |
| **Estate A Mead** | **327,698** | **344,597** | **351,200** | **45,500** | **7.72** |
| **Diocesan Removal Fund** | **91,930** | **104,641** | **119,747** | **5,000** | **23.95** |
| **Baigent John & Hazel Trust** | **343,110** | **348,242** | **370,033** | **23,223** | **15.93** |
| **Whakarewa** | **165,855** | **165,891** | **195,750** | **61,677** | **3.17** |
| **Total** | | | | **302,042** | |

***PARISH SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES***

Clergy salaries and allowances are as follows based on the recommended 3.0% increase:

| | 2027 Dollars (Per annum) | 2026 Dollars (Per annum) |
|---|---|---|
| Clergy Stipend | 65,159 | 63,260 |
| Curate Stipend | 60,806 | 59,035 |
| Book, hospitality, Training, Spiritual Retreat | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| Supervision | 1,500 | 900 |

Mileage reimbursement is provided for at the current Diocesan rates.

***COMMUNICATION REGARDING BUDGET***

Should members of Synod have any queries about the 2027 Budget, please forward them to the Diocesan Finance Manager (Ed Duggan) ed@nelsonanglican.nz

## DIOCESE OF NELSON ANGLICAN CENTRE

## 2027 BUDGET INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

| | Bishopric | Governance | Parish Ministry | Administration Ministry | General Purpose Income | Draft Budget 2027 V5 | Synod Approved Budget 2026 | Variance $ | Variance % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | | | | | | | | |
| Specific Purpose Trust Income | 139,130 | 0 | 970,094 | 0 | 0 | **1,109,224** | **1,098,633** | **10,591** | 0.96% |
| General Purpose Trust Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,056,630 | **1,056,630** | **1,078,050** | **(21,420)** | -1.99% |
| Non-GroupTrust Grants | 0 | 0 | 95,990 | 0 | 0 | **95,990** | **76,490** | **19,500** | 25.49% |
| Administration Fees | 0 | 0 | 16,514 | 261,101 | 0 | **277,615** | **268,575** | **9,040** | 3.37% |
| St. John College Dio Ed Grant | 79,000 | 0 | 122,131 | 0 | 0 | **201,131** | **201,131** | **0** | 0.00% |
| St. John College Scholarships & Training | 0 | 0 | 250,000 | 0 | 0 | **220,000** | **200,000** | **20,000** | 100.00% |
| Parish Contribution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141,859 | **141,859** | **139,075** | **2,784** | 2.00% |
| Other Income | 0 | 0 | 28,763 | 355 | 0 | **29,118** | **80,177** | **(51,059)** | -63.68% |
| Camp/Event Fees | 0 | 0 | 35,474 | 0 | 0 | **35,474** | **32,748** | **2,726** | 8.32% |
| Total Income | 218,130 | 0 | 1,518,966 | 261,456 | 1,198,489 | **3,167,041** | **3,174,878** | **(7,838)** | -0.25% |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Staffing Direct Costs | 253,868 | 0 | 377,828 | 739,790 | 0 | **1,371,486** | **1,428,538** | **(57,053)** | -3.99% |
| Staffing Support Costs | 20,570 | 0 | 38,796 | 3,884 | 0 | **63,250** | **62,484** | **766** | 1.23% |
| Grants - Diocese Wide | 0 | 4,631 | 221,812 | 0 | 0 | **226,443** | **168,715** | **57,728** | 34.22% |
| Grants - Parishes | 0 | 0 | 138,038 | 0 | 0 | **138,038** | **179,745** | **(41,707)** | -23.20% |
| Grants - Projects | 0 | 0 | 159,500 | 0 | 0 | **159,500** | **151,500** | **8,000** | 5.28% |
| Grants - Hardship | 0 | 0 | 79,862 | 0 | 0 | **79,862** | **61,362** | **18,500** | 30.15% |
| Grants - Elder Care (Inc admin charge) | 0 | 0 | 324,267 | 0 | 0 | **324,267** | **315,000** | **9,267** | 2.94% |
| St. John College Scholarships & Training | 0 | 0 | 250,000 | 0 | 0 | **220,000** | **200,000** | **20,000** | 100.00% |
| Property Costs | 18,923 | 0 | 120,011 | 87,515 | 0 | **226,449** | **267,962** | **(41,513)** | -15.49% |
| Compliance Costs | 5,227 | 37,240 | 42,049 | 92,695 | 0 | **177,211** | **159,198** | **18,013** | 11.31% |
| Office Costs | 40,513 | 9,708 | 26,988 | 41,736 | 0 | **118,945** | **130,305** | **(11,360)** | -8.72% |
| Ministry Resources Costs | 3,222 | 0 | 98,435 | 194 | 0 | **101,851** | **82,760** | **19,091** | 23.07% |
| Camp/Event Cost | 0 | 0 | 79,448 | 0 | 0 | **79,448** | **76,057** | **3,391** | 4.46% |
| Total Expenditure | 342,323 | 51,579 | 1,957,033 | 965,814 | 0 | **3,286,749** | **3,283,626** | **3,123** | 0.10% |
| **Accounting Surplus/(Deficit)** | **($124,193)** | **($51,579)** | **($438,067)** | **($704,358)** | **$1,198,489** | **($119,708)** | **($108,748)** | **($10,961)** | |
| **Transfer To Reserves** | (29,454) | 0 | (230,532) | 0 | (1,087) | **(261,073)** | **(268,134)** | **7,061** | -2.63% |
| **Transfer From Reserves** | 0 | 0 | 302,042 | 0 | 0 | **302,042** | **240,983** | **61,058** | 25.34% |
| **True Surplus/(Deficit)** | | | | | | **(78,740)** | **(135,899)** | **57,159** | |

# Parish Levy Consultation Report

## Introduction

Synod 2025 asked Standing Committee to review the way that the Diocesan Levy was allocated across the parishes. Synod had heard that the current system, based on overall population within a parish, was no longer equitable and particularly disadvantaged large parishes (such as Motueka) without taking into account parish income.

Seven options were consulted on with parishes. Feedback was sought over August and September to inform a paper to synod.

The options presented were:

- Status quo - 5 Yearly Census Data
- Sunday Church Attendance - Three years average
- Number of Direct Credit and Envelope Givers - Three Years Average
- Average Last Three Years Total Income
- Average Last Three Years Assessable Income
- Average Last Three Years Total Expenditure - Three Years average
- Average Last Three Years Assessable Expenditure

Based on assessment against the developed principles (agreed with Standign Committee in February 2026) the preferred option was Option 5.

## Parish Feedback

As of 5 September,2026 the following parishes had responded:

| Parish / Ministry Unit | Position |
|---|---|
| Waimea | Supports proposal |
| Richmond | Supports proposal |
| Awatere | Supports proposal |
| Greymouth & Kumara | Supports proposal |
| Wakefield & Districts | Supports proposal |
| Cobden & Runanga | Supports proposal |
| St Barnabas Stoke | Supports proposal |
| All Saints | Supports proposal |
| Blenheim South | Supports proposal |
| Golden Bay | Supports proposal |
| Kaikōura | Supports proposal |
| Hills Community Church (Mapua) | Supports proposal |
| Motueka Parish | Supports proposal |
| Tahunanui Parish | Supports proposal |

Parishes described the proposal as fair, transparent and relatively easy to administer and appreciated that the proposed formula is more aligned with ability to pay. The methodology:

- Better reflects a parish's actual resources.
- Aligns contribution levels with financial capacity.
- Is fairer than the current system.
- Provides a more transparent basis for levy allocation.
- Avoids distorting effects from exceptional or one-off income.

There was broad consensus that the current system is no longer fit for purpose. Key themes identified included:

- Population bears little relationship to church attendance.
- Population does not reflect parish giving levels.
- Population does not reflect financial capacity.
- Population does not account for socioeconomic differences between parish communities.

Some factors affecting affordability of levy were raised as implementation considerations – these were not specific to the proposed methodology.

- Multiple church buildings.
- Heritage buildings.
- Significant travel distances.
- Small congregations.
- Dependence upon a limited number of donors.
- Vulnerability to local demographic changes

**Transition arrangements**

Transitional arrangements were proposed to smooth the impact of the levy in those parishes facing a significant increase.

There was no clear consensus, with responses ranging from none to 3 years. All Saints, which has the biggest potential increase suggested a one-year transition. This would involve half the increase in 2027 followed by full transition in 2028.

**What is included/excluded as assessable income?**

| Assessable | Non-assessable |
|---|---|
| • ordinary offerings;<br>• unrestricted donations;<br>• diocesan and 3rd party grants that contribute to general ministry or staff costs<br>• trust income available for general ministry or staff costs;<br>• rental, hall and venue income;<br>• income from weddings and funerals;<br>• ordinary programme fees;<br>• other unrestricted fundraising and trading income; and<br>• other recurring receipts available for general parish purposes. | • tagged donations for property, mission and external beneficiaries;<br>• all other diocesan and 3rd party grants and contributions, including property and capital grants;<br>• all other trust income, including property-related<br>• bequests<br>• trust capital distributions;<br>• accounting revaluations;<br>• asset disposal gains; and<br>• capital-project fundraising. |

**Overall Assessment**

The consultation demonstrates an unusually high level of agreement across responding parishes and ministry units.

**Key conclusions are:**

- No respondent has opposed the proposed methodology.
- All respondents support moving away from a population-based levy.
- All respondents support linking levy allocation more closely to financial capacity.
- Respondents consistently identify fairness and ability to pay as the guiding principles.
- There is broad agreement that Average Assessable Income provides the fairest and most transparent methodology.
- Discussion has focused primarily on implementation details rather than the merits of the proposal itself.

One noteworthy feature of the consultation is that several respondents who expect to contribute more under the proposed model nevertheless support the change because they consider it fairer than the current system. This strengthens confidence that support reflects genuine agreement with the underlying principles rather than individual parish advantage.

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## Reframing Youth Representation

Each year, the Diocese of Nelson has the opportunity to appoint eight Youth Representatives to Synod, two from each Deanery, for a term of twelve months. This provision rightly recognises that the voices of young people matter in the life, discernment, governance, and future direction of the Church.

Synod is where significant conversations are held and important decisions are made. As such, it is important that there be a voice representing young people in this space.

However, there are practical challenges with the current structure. Synod is an important governance space, but it is not always the most suitable primary environment for the formation of younger people, particularly when much of its work involves detailed business, procedural decision-making, and complex church governance. While some young people are gifted for these spaces, it is difficult each year to identify young people for whom participation in Synod would be appropriate and helpful for their faith formation.

The title “Youth Representative” can also be unhelpful. In many contexts, “youth” is understood to mean those under eighteen. Yet the responsibilities of Synod membership may be more appropriate for older young people and young adults who are already involved in ministry, leadership, youth work, parish life, curacy, or other forms of leadership development.

This motion is not about removing the voice of young people from Synod. It is about strengthening that voice and making the role more realistic, effective, and formational. Reframing the role as “Young Adult Representative” would allow Synod to hear from those who represent, lead, and walk alongside rangatahi and young adults, while also creating a valuable formation pathway for emerging leaders in the Diocese.

## Friday Bible Reflection – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Led by Rev Tim Bustin

The Health of the Body – Devotion

An incredible image, one that is really resonant: spiritually, physically, individually and collectively.

It feels like God has been introducing me to my body: and to embodiment, to living out of my body and not just my mind. There's been a reminder that my body is what makes me human.

Remind yourself: you have a body and whatever you think about it, whatever condition it is in, it is a gift and it is good..

Our bodies take us through our lives, through ups and downs…they are a source of immense blessing, and also sometimes immense frustration. We can love them well, take them for granted, like them and hate them sometimes all in the space of one day.

We see in scripture and through the life of the church over millenia, that our bodies are a gift and are given to us to engage with God and to have an embodied faith … we worship a God with a body.

We see the human body all through the whole sweep of scripture:

**Creation narrative**, Adam and Eve were given bodies that were breathed life into, God declared them to be: good, doesn't do it justice: not just averagely nice, beautiful, lifegiving, well designed. His creation was Tov, good very good.

**Fall** of humankind came from eating an apple, from misdirected bodily appetites…sin was introduced into the world and it affected the body: the shame of sin affected Adam and Eve, they covered the nakedness of their bodies.

**Incarnation**: Christ become human, taking on flesh and blood… a body born to a young women, a body that would have walked and run, shouted and sung…a body that slept and sweated, and urinated and ate and digested… he was the word who became flesh, and dwelt among us - the embodied God.

MSG version of John 1, The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.
Flesh and Blood….the Son of God had the same blood that pumps around our bodies, 4.5 to 5.5 litres in our bodies, pumped in his body too

**Crucifixion**: and a body broken on a cross, blood shed, nailed hands, and a spear in his side…a body that suffered, took it's last breath and died…

**Resurrection:** 3 days later**,** a body that was not there… resurrection appearances: Thomas fingers in holeshands…

**Ascension:** he ascended bodily, he didn't shoot off like a spirit rocket, he is still in his body, he still hasn't divested himself of it,

**Future Restoration:** we will have resurrection bodies, not wafty spirits, like the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. Bodies that will run, dance, move freely: bodies that are completely good and completely restored.

Salvation includes our bodies: we are not just souls, or brains on legs: we are fearfully and wonderfully made beings: temples, a familiar text: 1 Corinthians 6, v19-20

*[19] Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; [20] you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies*

Two verses dripping with Gold: Paul was speaking to the church in Corinth to those who had been using and abusing, debasing their bodies, in ways that were not Tov, were not good

3 brief thoughts: Our bodies are sacred, they are God's dwelling place, they are a gift

**SACRED** – temple: a place of worship, place of meeting, place of connection and encounter. A place that is Holy.

Our body is a Temple rather than just a tool for meeting our needs and desires. Our body is a temple not just transport to carry your spirit or your brain through life.

As I think about this I find an amazing tension

Your body is a temple: a sacred place of awe and reverence – also a place of burping and sweating. Thats the incredible thing we are called to wrestle with. How can something so earthly be something that is Holy? But that's what he does isn;t it? Taks normal everyday things and makes them holy…bread, wine, hands, feet, bodies.

Seen cathedrals: Notre Dame, St Pauls in London, Salisbury: people walking round with an awed hush. Maybe we should look at ourselves and each other with that same hushed awe, the same wonder and reverence.

Wow! You are a human being with a body…made in the image of the embodied God, that is sacred. Even with lumps and bumps, wrinkles and wobbly bits… our bodies are good! The heart beats 3 billion times in an average human life span.

We are incredible: our bodies are sacred. Our skin and muscles and feet and hands are just as sacred as a sanctuary or an altar.

**GOD'S DWELLING PLACE** – *[19] Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?*

God is in us by his Spirit… weird thing to think on: does he live in my stomach!! Not just my head, but in our bodies.

Our bodies are a dwelling place: JUST THINK ABOUT THAT! GOD DWELLS WITHIN US!.. that is holy ground stuff God is dwelling in the person next to you – in their very being.

Ruth Haley Barton: God has chosen in these days to dwell permanently in the bodies of redeemed persons and in the body of Christ as it gathers. In some unexplainable way God inhabits our bodies, making them a place where we can meet him and know him..

We can meet God not just in our heads, but in and through our bodies. We can meet him in the normal everyday stuff of life with our bodies. He can meet us in the joy of our bodies. Eric Liddell said: I know God's joy when I run.

He can meet us in the pain of our bodies, and speak through it. Pete Scazzero talks about the body not just being a minor prophet but a major prophet – it can tell us when something is not right, physically and spiritually.

Our bodies are a dwelling place.

**GIFT:** you have received this body as a gift from God and it is a gift with value..

Have you ever been given a gift that you know didn't cost the person anything? Something free but of not much value?

Our bodies are sacred, they have inherent value: not related to how it looks, or how well it functions, but on who gave it to us... who are we to disagree with God when he says our bodies are Tov: are very good?

Our bodies are a gift because they tell us about the wider body, the church: the body of many parts that Steve talked about in 1 Cor. 12

It tells us we all have a part to play.

Our bodys are a gift that help us encounter God.

Our faith, our discipleship, our worship is embodied. Our physical bodies and our spiritual souls are intertwined and inseparable, it is a key part of what it is to be human, and what it is to know God.

Think of the ways that we worship -

Communion, we walk to the front, we open our hands, we eat and drink, we digest, physically and spiritually: as we remember.

Think of Baptism: immersed in water: not talking about the amount of water OK? A bodily experience, that is physical and spiritual.

Why do we lift our hands in worship? Put our hands out. Kneel down.... have we lost something?

We are not just brains on sticks. As Justin Whitmel Early writes, The body teaches the Soul. Bodily actions shape our hearts and minds..

Our bodies can posture our minds.

Think of the Peace: embodied practice, not just chit chat time. Shaking hands triggers immediate neurological and physiological responses, it releases oxytocin (the "bonding hormone") to build trust, and the lowering of cortisol (the primary stress hormone).

However, it also acts as a direct vector for the physical transmission of bacteria, viruses, and skin-bound chemicals.

But it's not just in "church" - our bodies don't stop being sacred, or a dwelling place or a gift when we go about our week:

Tish Harrison Warren says : The bodies we use in our worship services each week are the same bodies we take to our kitchen table, into our bathtubs and under the covers at night. Our bodies are good, very good. Not to be worshipped, but also not to be ignored.

Our bodies are sacred temples worthy of awe, not in ourselves, but in in the one who gave it to us.

Our bodies are God's dwelling place, which means we are walking on holy ground around each other

Our bodies are a gift: that have value, and speaks of the generosity of the giver.

## Saturday Bible Reflection - Deuteronomy & Jonah 4 Led by Rev Sam Oomen

We communicate a lot with our hands. Why don't you look around the room and give someone a wave. Now turn to someone next to you and shake their hand – don't think about what Tim said yesterday about handshakes. There's a third way that we may be tempted to communicate with our hands, often while on the motorway, but we won't demonstrate it here.

The bible suggests that our hands also communicate a lot about the state our hearts. Moses says in Deuteronomy as he prepares the Israelite's to enter the promised land by reminding them of the law:

"If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight fisted toward them."

God, as he forms this this new family, calls them to a radical kind of soft-hearted generosity towards one another. So perhaps this is wisdom for us today too, as the body of Christ.

I have a daughter, her name is Anya, she turns two in January and we have lots in common. We both like baths, are messy eaters and we both like to play. But during the first year and a half of her life, we had a significant disagreement. Anya was of the view that the morning ought to begin around 4:30 in the morning. Whereas I feel the day should begin somewhere north of 7. Anya won this argument, most, if not every morning.

In Jonah, God calls him to preach to the Ninevites, the worst enemies imaginable. Jonah isn't particularly happy about this, runs in the opposite direction, gets caught in a raging storm, jumps into the water and is swallowed by a giant fish. In said giant fish, Jonah offers what appears at best to be a half-hearted apology, before being vomited back up onto dry land.

Again, God calls Jonah to go to Ninevah. Jonah this time obeys, goes to Ninevah and preaches one of the worst sermons I've ever heard. I say one of the worst, because at least it was short. He says:

"Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

Eight words. With no hope of redemption, or salvation, no hint of grace. Yet somehow the Ninevites respond to this message with genuine repentance, so much so that even the cows repent!

Jonah retreats grumpily to wait and watch in the hopes that God might still destroy Nineveh. Jonah's fist is closed and his heart is hard. But God isn't finished with Jonah yet.

"Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "it would be better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Jonah, is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

Sam, is it right for you to be frustrated with your daughter?

You see, slowly those mornings I began to realize I had a choice. Would I choose to live out of my perceived sense of right to feel angry and frustrated about Anya's poor sleep, which led me to being a grumpy Dad. Or would I choose a different path. To give up my perceived right to feel those things and to instead choose to be loving, kind and attentive, even as I listened to Danny Go's "Gorilla Smash" for the 100th time at an ungodly hour.

I think often times we get pretty caught up in our own "rights". Our "right" to be frustrated with someone, or our "right" to be right. To determine how things should go. Jesus, on the other hand, seems pretty uninterested in his own rights.

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used for his own advantage;" – Philippians 2:6

The context to this verse, by the way, is that this is how we're supposed to treat one another.

The funny thing about the book of Jonah is that the story isn't really about the Ninevite's. It's about Jonah. I guess that's how it got its name. Will Jonah accept God's radical love and forgiveness for people who absolutely did not seem to deserve it? Or will he cling to his "right" to be angry and resentful, wishing their destruction. I don't know if Jonah ever did, but what I do know is that if he could have, it would have saved him from a sad life of anger and bitterness.

This is the invitation of Jesus. He says in Matthew 16:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

This, Jesus says, is the way to life. To give up our selfish desires, the ways in which we cling to our "rights" and instead lose them for the sake of Christ. It's counter-intuitive, but we know experientially that when we're able to do this, we do experience life. Soft hearts that shape our temperaments, and relationships that are rich and full. With open hands and soft hearts, the body flourishes. So, let us consider what it is that we may be holding onto tightly that Jesus might ask us to loosen our grip on that we may find life.