

Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt



St James' and All Saints Churches 2022
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About Us: Our Parish, Ministries and Buildings

Our Parish

We are the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt, comprising two sister churches – St James' and All Saints.

We are an inclusive, intergenerational, and intercultural church family. We aspire to support worship needs and cultural perspectives of all. We have a strong sense of belonging as many have worshipped here for six decades. Equally we are very welcoming of newcomers. We care for and support each other. We, as a congregation, appreciate all types of worship. There is a need and willingness to attract more youth and therefore we may need to revisit our worship style for our family service or look at alternative service offerings. We are neither conservative or liberal, nor evangelical – rather a Parish based on a strong Anglican character.

We give opportunities to all ages to contribute to the Parish and use their spiritual gifts. We use a team ministry approach. The parishioners are provided with a variety of styles and topics of preaching, which offer thoughtful and challenging sermons.

The Parish currently has four services a week and one evensong a month and others as required, such as blessings, baptisms, weddings and funerals. We also have a strong relationship with Chilton Saint James (girls) School.

Our Parish values prayer and the place it has in growing faith. We are officially part of the Lower Hutt City precinct area and we work together with the Hutt City Council sharing our land, whilst they maintain our gardens and historic graveyard.

We are fortunate to have a good relationship with local churches of other denominations, and we combine our services for special occasions such as a shared Ash Wednesday service with the local Catholic church, and Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' service with many local churches (in the absence of Covid restrictions).

As a community we welcome all into our buildings, we encourage anyone who takes communion in their own church to receive it at ours, and we host funerals for anyone in the community who would like it held here.

Our parish values its children and families' ministry. We offer regular children's activities, youth group and family prayer groups. We run a thriving outreach to local children providing waffles at church, once a week, on their way to school.

We wish to continue to serve our regular attendees and those on the Parish roll, whilst increasing our reach into the community to share God's love.

About Us: Our Parish, Ministries and Buildings (*cont.*)

Ministries

Our parish hosts a diverse range of Ministries including:

- Home groups
- Choir
- Band
- Daily Prayer Meeting
- AAW
- Youth Group
- Waffles Ministry
- Retirement home communion Visits
- Parish Magazine
- Food bank collection
- Chilton Saint James
- Hospital & home visits
- Book Fair
- Chirping Cherubs: music group for pre-schoolers
- Board games & lunch
- Christmas Carollers to house bound retirees
- Flower Guild
- Bread Ministry
- Green group
- Civic connection
- Youth Choir
- Kids Zone: school aged church education (Godly Play Space)
- Heralds and Servers
- Sacristy Guild
- Casserole Brigade
- AYM House contributor
- ANZAC Service

Paid Staff

Vicar, Administrator and Vicar's PA

Buildings

1. St James' Church: Features include pipe organ, modern audio-visual system (that is used for live streaming), Ellacombe chimes, small additional chapel, offices for staff.
2. All Saints Church: 1894 - with newly built foyer.
3. St James' Church Hall: Two storey building comprising four main rooms and a kitchen.
4. Brooks House (currently in use by Family Centre).



Outside the St James' Church hall and a Parish luncheon inside the hall.

History of the Parish

St James' Church began in 1841, and it became a Parish in 1855. Many buildings have occupied the site of St James' Church. One was swept away by floods, one burnt to the ground. The present church, built in 1953, was designed to accommodate 800 people and required a massive feat of 'people power' to move the church hall to create space for it to be built!

All Saints Church began in 1894, when residents of the Western Hills could not travel to Lower Hutt for services. The first building was constructed in 1897. The local children loved the site as it was right next to an orchard! Over the years a range of services were conducted by Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Lay Readers. St James' bought the building in 1942 and re-purchased it from the government at a later date, after the motorway was built.



Historic Graveyard

Alongside St James' Church sits an historic graveyard that was first used in 1848. Regular restoration projects have occurred, with the most recent in the late 1990's – including the installation of Lych-gates that are a demarcation so people know that they are entering a sacred place to be respected.

From 2010 extensive research was undertaken to name all those buried in the graveyard. Apart from past St James' parishioners, past Mayors and other notable citizens are interred there. It was established that 820 people had been buried in this graveyard to date.

Our Parish by the Numbers: Demographics and Finances

Demographics

Parish pastoral roll: 880

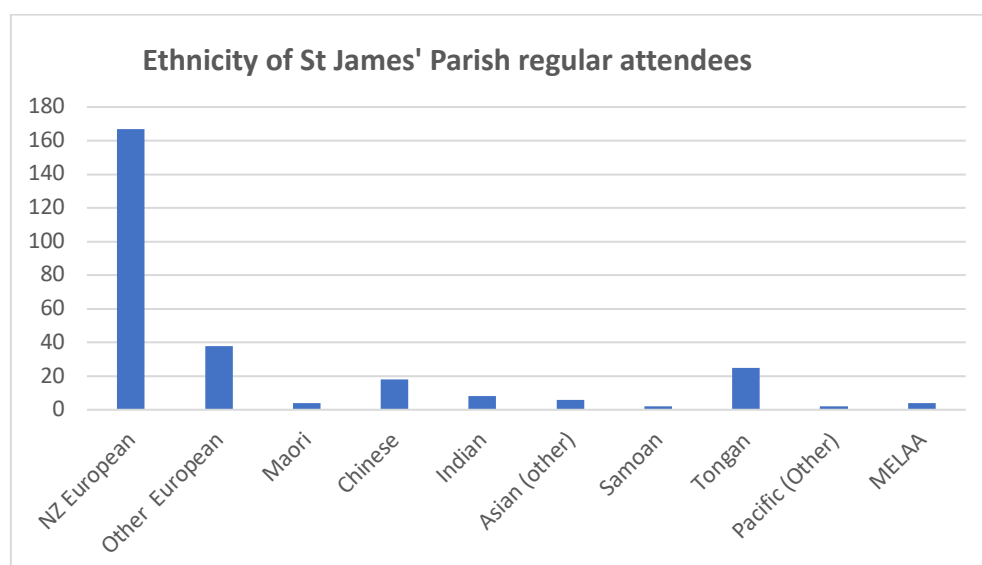
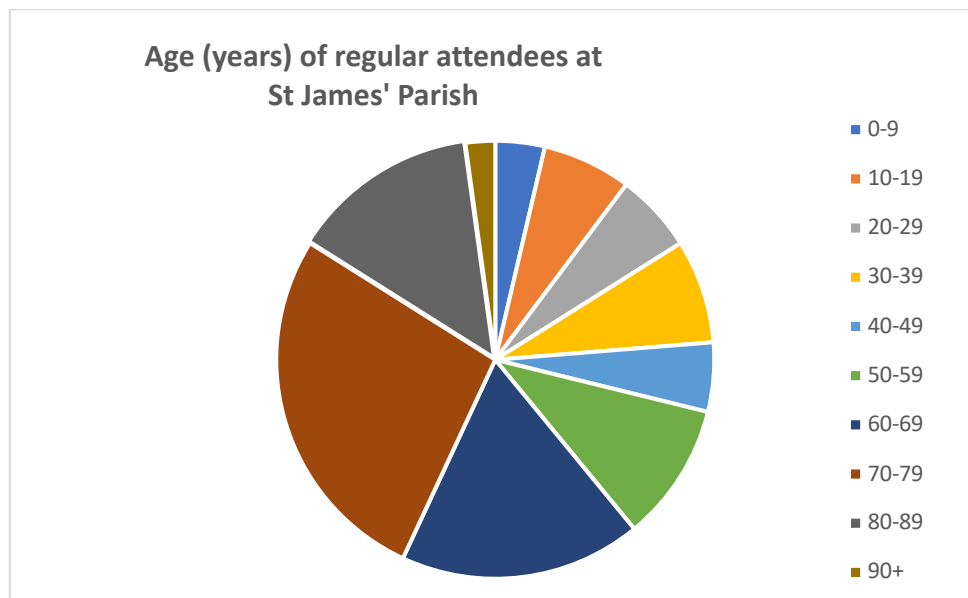
Parish electoral roll: 188

Average weekly Attendance: 8am: 25 10am: 110 Evensong: 40

Number of regular worship locations: 10 e.g. Church, home groups, halls

Number of small/house groups: 16

2020/2021 attendance: 7279



Finances

Our Parish is fortunate to have several Trusts that we are responsible for and administered by The Parish Trust Board. This Board accepts applications for funding for resources and staffing. It also manages the Suzanne Duncan Scholarship fund for Chilton Scholars.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LOWER HUTT
Statement of Financial Performance
Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<u>Revenue</u>		
Giving	262,402	270,831
Grants	44,314	39,819
Investment income	25,997	28,591
Exchange Income	45,678	53,730
	<u>378,391</u>	<u>392,970</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Personnel	146,924	143,424
Ministry	79,840	82,763
Worship	3,426	3,382
Administration	17,059	17,641
Property - Operating Expenses	40,049	45,526
- R&M & Improvements	7,400	14,025
Projects	23,488	39,021
Depreciation - Buildings	50,004	50,004
- Other	6,047	4,869
Audit fee	700	1,650
Financial	410	1,473
	<u>375,345</u>	<u>403,778</u>
 Net surplus/(deficit)	 <u><u>3,046</u></u>	 <u><u>(10,807)</u></u>

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LOWER HUTT
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<u>Our Heritage</u>		
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Year	502,754	513,705
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	3,046	(10,807)
Closing Balance	<u>505,800</u>	<u>502,898</u>
Property Revaluation	3,543,620	3,543,620
Net Worth	<u><u>4,049,420</u></u>	<u><u>4,046,518</u></u>
Represented by:		
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	8,509	6,229
Prepayments	2,523	10,344
Receivables	<u>6,992</u>	<u>7,153</u>
	<u>18,024</u>	<u>23,727</u>
Fixed Assets		
Investments	463,452	408,970
Properties	3,568,951	3,618,954
Furniture and Equipment	<u>31,318</u>	<u>33,961</u>
	<u>4,063,721</u>	<u>4,061,886</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>4,081,745</u></u>	<u><u>4,085,613</u></u>
Current Liabilities		
Loans - St James' Trust Board	7,935	27,935
Trade & Other Payables	18,820	8,177
Employee Entitlements	<u>5,569</u>	<u>2,982</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>32,325</u>	<u>39,095</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u><u>4,049,420</u></u>	<u><u>4,046,518</u></u>

Parish Life Photos



Christmas Pageant



Junior choir receiving medals



Junior choir and Nine lessons & carols service



Outdoor church service



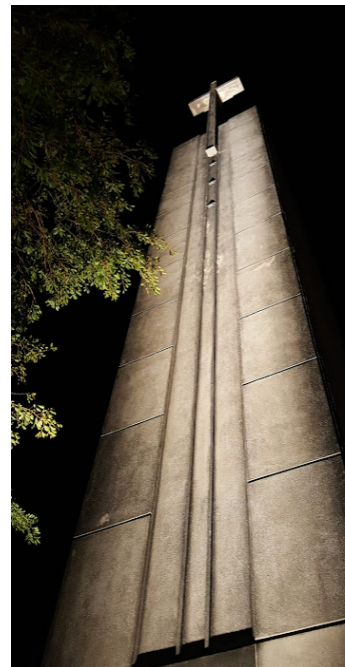
A church for all ages – with spaces for them to worship, pray and play



All Saints Church, outside blessing and church luncheon after new foyer blessing.



Daytime service with streamed sermon from Bishop Ellie



St James' cross lighting the way for Lower Hutt City



Night services are features at Easter and Christmas



Outside social-distancing service



Blessing of Chilton Saint James scholarship awardees

The next five years ...

We would like the following to occur:

- Roll growth (worship attendance and community engagement and participation).
- Increased youth and families' participation
- Maintain an intergenerational focus
- Skill recognition and utilisation
- Recognise the value of the past and embrace the future
- Review of current activities and worship services
- Transition church structures to facilitate numerical growth.



Are you the right person?

We are looking for a vicar who....

- Loves and is committed to the local church
- Is committed to prayer – personally and corporately
- Is dedicated to the call of being a priest and church leader
- Is able to preach and communicate well to a wide range of people
- Likes people and will actively engage with the church's programmes, projects and congregations

And a vicar who can....

- Grow and encourage our youth and young families' population
- Bridge the intergenerational divide
- Recognise gifts in others and encourage, enthuse and empower those people so that we have increased involvement
- Commit to the upgrade and maintenance of our buildings – we have started a Hall Upgrade Project
- Efficiently and effectively manage and delegate
- Thoughtfully restructure for church growth - providing a cohesive pathway forward
- Instigate church community-based events that bring people together
- Bring two congregations together as a cohesive Parish

In summary we need a Vicar who sees a larger vision for this Parish, and with their energy, enthusiasm and talents can involve many of all ages to achieve this vision.

What we can offer:

- A community to belong to
- Support, encouragement and enthusiasm and prayer
- Full stipend
- Vicarage: off-site and standalone home, 4-bedroom, double internal garage, study, 2 living rooms
- Educational assistance for any Year 7 upward young women (at Chilton Saint James School)
- Mobile phone and internet
- Resettling costs (*up to a maximum*)
- One of the largest Parishes in Wellington

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) Summary



Putting Words into Action Strategic Goals 2022-2023

The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt aims to grow an inclusive and sustainable Parish, a place where everyone feels welcome in an intergenerational Anglican community.



GROWING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PARISH

- Be an inclusive intergenerational and intercultural church family.
- Support worship needs and cultural perspectives of all.
- Care for and support each other.



BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Offer opportunities to learn and grow in faith.
- Provide sacred spaces for Christian worship.
- Nurture and challenge one another in our faith journeys.
- Live out an active relationship with God.
- Grow God's kingdom by using and developing our gifts.



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Provide a place of belonging through hospitality and authentic relationships.
- Be known and active in our local community.
- Take our wider church activities and ministries into the local community.
- Take action to care for the environment and creation.
- Develop a culture of service in the wider community as parish groups.
- Work and worship with other churches in the local area to build the Kingdom of God.

"For over 175 years, the Parish of Lower Hutt has been at the heart of the Lower Hutt community."

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