St Martins Presbyterian Church & Community Centre



Parish Profile

St Martins is an inclusive Christian congregation, sharing in the love of Christ, building one another up in joyful faith, reaching out in love to people around and beyond us, and encouraging care for God's creation.



This is our Vision

- To witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in the wider community.
- To support and nurture people in their faith, that together we might respond to human need.
- To respond to the needs, hopes and questions of the wider community
- To provide a gathering place for the wider community, and a base in our neighbourhood to work from.

These are our goals

St Martins has developed the following goals as part of its Strategic Mission Plan:

- Continuing to build our goals, worship, pastoral care and spiritual growth of all ages
- Establishing the needs and opportunities in the neighbourhoods and communities around us
- Providing fellowship opportunities
- To continue to develop the St Martins Church site for mission and worship

These are our Core values

- That we demonstrate love for God, self and one another
- That we practise inclusiveness
- That all people are treated with respect, dignity and worth
- That St Martins is a place where all ages can be together
- That we gain a sense of community from the quality of our shared life
- That we are a place where the value of everyday life is given meaning and hope
- That we demonstrate a concern for justice and peace
- That we demonstrate a concern for the care of creation

These are the qualities we are looking for in a Minister for St Martins We seek a person who is:

- · deeply connected to God
- a well rounded, educated, intelligent person
- a people person
- a good listener with a sense of humour
- · open minded with respect for others and their beliefs
- a creative thinker and visionary to share and walk with us on our path forward
- a family person who would fit into our community

History

St Martins has a long history in the south/south east of Christchurch. It was originally a Home Mission Station as an outreach from St Peters Church in Woolston. The first church building was officially opened in 1928 in what subsequently became the church hall. This building was damaged in the earthquakes and was demolished.

Our current church building was designed by the award-winning Austrian modernist architect, Ernst Plischke, who came to New Zealand in 1939 to escape the Nazi occupation of his country. It was opened in 1957 and is a lovely light multipurpose church built in the modernist style. The church was not greatly damaged by the earthquakes but has recently been upgraded and strengthened to the required 67% NB Standard.

Our people

Our active congregation averages 45-50 at worship, with 150 on the Parish Roll. Pre-quake reflected higher numbers of people involved at St Martins. The largest group in the church is comprised of the recently retired, soon to retire and older parishioners. The church benefits greatly from their vibrant leadership, commitment, knowledge and shared experience. Whilst we hope to increase the number of young adults and younger families, we recognise that demographically we serve very largely those folk who are in the third phase of life.

Worship

Worship encompasses traditional and modern and we respect a diverse range of theological expression. Our services include music, drama and storytelling.

The congregation has a genuine concern for social justice and those in need.

Sunday worship is held at the Church, 43 St Martins Road at 10am.

In between Christmas, New Year and the early part of January, joint services are held with Beckenham Methodist.

Communion is celebrated monthly. Participation by members of the congregation is encouraged and a very active worship committee assist the minister in the planning and implementation of services.

We are fortunate to have several congregation members who accompany the singing each week. We have an acoustic piano and an electric piano/organ.



Activity Sunday



Breakfast

Leadership

The church has been served by full or part time ordained ministers since 1952 and since Dec 2020 the Session and Management have combined to become a Parish Council. There are 10 elders and three congregational representatives on Parish Council. The Parish Council Executive Team consists of four Parish Councillors and the Minister.

Sub committees consist of Pastoral, Worship, Christian Education and Mission Resource, and there are gifted people who oversee the church finances and property matters.

Parish Council meets bi-monthly.

Office Assistance

The church office consists of two furnished rooms in a separate building (one for the administrator, one for the minister). Both have separate outside access and heating, internet and phone connections.

A part time administrator is employed for three mornings a week 0.2 fte: works Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am -12noon

Church Manse

The church owns a manse at 9A Buxton Terrace, Christchurch, a modern three bedroom home built in 2002, which has had earthquake repairs and redecoration completed by EQC. It has a double garage and off-street parking, carpet in most rooms and a heat pump in the living area. It is on a back section with an easy-care garden.



Situated down a quiet driveway

Easy care garden



Kitchen/Laundry behind

Dining

Lounge

Community facing mission and ministry:

The church reaching out to the wider community in love ~ our people serving in and with our neighbourhoods ~



Foot Clinic

Craft Group

St Martins is committed to engaging with the community around it and supporting organisations working for the betterment of people overseas. A Mission Outreach Committee oversees this work. Community Fun days and other city council activities are promoted and a city council community worker spent some time with the committee.

- A **Craft group** meets weekly, bringing together a variety of people to enjoy making various crafts, learn new ones, teach each other skills and enjoy the social interaction.
- A **Foot clinic** is held six weekly which provides a much needed service for elderly people in the community.
- The church also supports Waltham Community Cottage. Parish members are on the board. In particular the church assists with weekly food collection and gifts at Christmas.

• Our South Elder day-care programme,



This runs for four and a half hours on Tuesdays at St Martins It provides an opportunity for people, who may be in frail health, lonely or having difficulties with early dementia, to come and enjoy companionship, stimulating activities, walks, and enjoy a hot meal in the middle of the day. It also frees the partner of that person to enjoy a few hours respite.

It is run entirely by members of the congregation.

A recent addition to encouraging people to search for calmness and inner peace has been the setting up of a **Christian Meditation Group**.

This meets each Tuesday evening from 7.15pm until 7.45pm.



Overseas Mission: St Martins supports

Christian World Service

• Your Sisters' Mission. ongoing support to raise money for Tanzania and when we are able to

obtain these, handcrafts made by the women associated with the orphanage are sold on their behalf.





Parish groups

With an emphasis on continuing biblical education & reflection, there is an on-going study group for adults.

During Lent, short term studies are offered and undertaken.

- Regular parish activities include the **Men's Group**, which meets for a meal and a speaker or other activity monthly during the winter.
- Wednesday walkers enjoy both walking (and the obligatory cuppa afterwards) and includes people from various other Churches within the surrounding suburbs as well as
- Women's Fireside Group has an afternoon meeting each month
- Frequent social gatherings such as breakfasts, morning teas, games evenings – even a Ceilidh are welcome additions to the year's activities.
- When daylight saving finishes through until it restarts, we have held some very successful **monthly film evenings**.
- Whilst in the past an annual Fair and Garage Sales have been the main fund raisers, a
 Fundraising Committee has been established with several projects being reviewed and some
 undertaken e.g. Twilight Food Fair
- Ensuring that in this day and age ALL our congregation is cared for, a team of members has been set up to review the way our Pastoral care is undertaken. Currently there are eight members on the team.

Conversations continue with other Presbyterian churches in the south-east (Cashmere, Hoon Hay) to continue to provide mission in this part of the city. St Martins also enjoys strong ecumenical connections in the South.

Other groups that use the Complex or have a significance on site:

- **Menzshed** Opened in February 2021 and drawing a large amount of community interest. Run independently from the church but drawing some members from the congregation.
- Hillsborough-Heathcote WI
- Sit and Keep Fit
- Port Hills U3A
- Familial Trust
- Sing & Sign

Finances July 2021 - June 2022

INCOME

Grants, fundraising, bequests	\$ 10,9	24
Interest	\$ -3	16
Giving income	\$ 84,9	04
Alpine Grant	\$ 5,9	60
Property Income	\$ 30,8	60
Sundry	\$	0
Total Income	\$131.5	23

EXPENDITURE

Administration	\$ 20,479
Depreciation	\$ 7,245
Ministry	\$ 62,017
Mission	\$ 6,582
Property	\$ 18,651
Staff	\$ 10,647
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 125,622

St Martins community - from Statistics NZ (as at January 2021)

Schools: St Martins Primary, Hillview Christian School, Beckenham School, Cashmere High School, Rudolf Steiner School, St Mark's Anglican School, Opawa School, Waltham School. ABC St Martins childcare, Poppies pre-school, Beckenham Kindergarten, Opawa-St Martins Kindergarten.

Population: 4152

Ethnicity: 93% European, 6% Maori, 3.7% Asian

Family type

- Couples with children make up 43.3 percent of all families in St Martins, while couples without children make up 43.3 percent of all families.
- In Christchurch City, couples with children make up 39.8 percent of all families, while couples without children make up 42.8 percent of all families.
- 13.3 percent of families in St Martins are one parent with children families, while one parent with children families make up 17.4 percent of families for Christchurch City as a whole.

Household composition

- One-family household makes up 68.2 percent of all households in St Martins. For Christchurch City as a whole, one-family household makes up 65.6 percent of all households.
- In St Martins, there are 438 one-person households making up 27.1 percent of all households. In Christchurch City, one-person household makes up 25.6 percent of all households.

Income: Total population aged 15 years and over

- For people aged 15 years and over, the median income (half earn more, and half less, than this amount) in St Martins is \$33,700. This compares with a median of \$29,800 for all of Christchurch City.
- 33.1 percent of people aged 15 years and over in St Martins have an annual income of \$20,000 or less, compared with 36.3 percent of people for Christchurch City as a whole.

- In St Martins, 33.3 percent of people aged 15 years and over have an annual income of more than \$50,000, compared with 27.1 percent of people in Christchurch City.
- The average household size in St Martins is 2.4 people, compared with an average of 2.5 people per household for all of Christchurch City.

Spaces for hire

We have modern well equipped facilities to hire for any group that is enhancing the life of individuals and our community. Contact Anna in the office email: stmartpresch@xtra.co.nz (ph 332 6192) for more details.



Auditorium 11m x 16m

Large modern multi-purpose space that could be used for lectures, training events, group gathering, or an exercise class. Will seat up to 160 people with overflow. (Extra space can be added by opening large sliding doors to lounge) This space has a data projector and quality sound system operated from a control desk.

Cost: \$60-\$40 per hour



Lounge 7m x 9m

Medium size meeting space with servery to kitchen and glass sliding doors to outside deck. Could be used for a meeting of up to 60 people with TV screen, sound system, and small tables available.

There is a roomy **modern kitchen** with 2 zips, large oven and cooktop, microwave, sterilizer, fridge, and freezer. Has opening hatch to lounge.

Cost\$30-\$20 per hour



Foyer/Small Meeting Room 4m x 7m Sunny warm space for smaller meetings.

Hire the whole complex for \$100-60 per hour.

Notes

Seating is modern individual seats which can easily be shifted around the complex on trolleys provided.

The building is fully compliant with current consent requirements and has been earthquake strengthened to over 67% NBS.

Included in the Profile Package:

- 1. The 2021-2022 Annual Report
- 2. Latest financial statement from the 2022 AGM
- 3. Strategic Mission Plan 2022
- 4. Parish Magazine St Martin's Messenger

Contacts

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ST MARTINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TERMS OF CALL

- We are seeking a Nationally Ordained Minister, but are open to other possibilities
- The position will be a 70% (.7) role, although this can be negotiated.
- Could be a shared ministry between a couple.
- Our preference is for a long-term ministry, to journey with the parish over a longer period, with new mission and growth in mind
- All payable allowances are pro-rated to .7, with the exception of mileage and supervision costs. All PCANZ financial requirements such as Beneficiary Fund, Seniority Allowance will also be covered.
- Removal expenses to the parish will be paid on the presentation of 3 quotes.
- Annual leave will be as indicated by the PCANZ.
- Study Leave will also in accordance with the minister's entitlements.
- The parish will cover half the cost of a broadband connection to the minister's residence however this will be negotiable based on other tech provision.
- There is a minister's office at the church with access to internet, phone, photocopier, etc.
- The parish provides part-time administrative assistance at .2/wk.
- The parish owns a manse which will be available for the minister. Alternatively, a housing allowance will be paid if living in their own house. (The manse is tenanted at the moment. Should the manse be required, the parish will move to end the current tenancy as quickly as possible.)

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ST MARTINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINISTER SKILLS SET

We would like you to be able to:

- 1. craft worship that supports and guides the congregation's desire to do Sundays well.
- 2. prepare an intelligent Spoken Word (sermon) and deliver it clearly and passionately.
- 3. visit people to support them in their journey of life. Has the ability to relate to a wide range of people.
- 4. work with Parish Council, the Executive team and the parish work groups to keep the parish moving ahead.

We would like to know that:

- 5. You understand life issues facing our older congregation and that you can reflect on missional approaches to an older demographic
- 6. You are able to consider ways we can work with younger people.
- 7. You could commit to providing leadership on 'Care of Creation' issues and to bringing St Martin's into the eco-church movement.
- 8. You are willing and able to work with and support the Technology team in expanding the parish's technology projects.
- 9. You would work closely with users of the parish's facilities and with local churches.
- 10. You will bring to the task a sense of humour that will carry you through the difficult times!

Would you please submit the names of 3 referees the selection team can approach and from whom they can request references.

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