

# Parklands Baptist Community Church

1922 - 2022

“The  
Living  
God Is  
Among  
You”







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## 100 Year History

### 1922-2022

#### ***Psalm 100:4-5***

*Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** and His courts with praise. **Thank Him and bless his name**, for the Lord is good and His gracious love **stands forever**. His faithfulness remains from **generation to generation**.*

There was mention of a proposal for a Baptist work to commence in North Brighton area as early as January 1913. We will begin with the first church service in 1922.

#### **1922 North Brighton Baptist Church**

The earliest records show that the Canterbury Auxiliary Baptist Union of NZ (now the Canterbury Westland Baptist Association) engaged a room on the first floor of a drapery shop on the corner of Bowhill Road and the Esplanade for the purpose of holding Christian meetings. The rent was 5/- per week.

#### **10 December**

Sunday 10 December, 1922 was the first inaugurated service of the North Brighton Baptist Church led by M. R Livose with 22 people attending. Mr Livose took charge and arranged the weekly service plan including preachers.

#### **1923**

Mrs. E Lebay had a strong desire to start a Sunday School and 18 children promised to come to the opening on Sunday 25 March, 1923. Only 4 children turned up that day. However on the following Sunday 16 came and on Sunday 8 April 30 children attended. The rented room became too small, so the idea arose that they needed their own facilities.

#### **1924**

A section in Bowhill Rd was purchased and donated to the Church by Mr & Mrs Charles Dixon and Miss Jean Dixon. The cost of the section was £225 (\$450).

Mr Charles Dixon and others then donated their time erecting the new church building and unveiling the Memorial Tablet on 12 July. The dedication of the building was on Saturday 16 August, 1924. Three services were held the following day: 11am Morning Service, 2.30pm Sunday School and 6.30pm Evening Service.

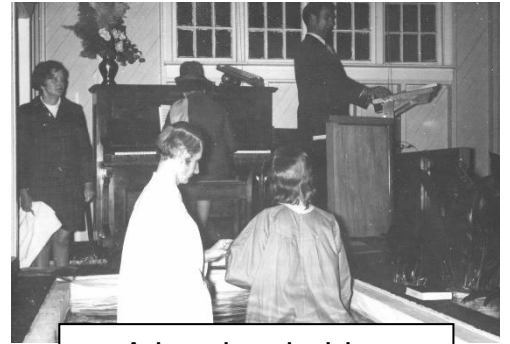


Bowhill Rd Church  
Members

(See Appendix (1) Opening Servi

## Baptism

The very first baptism took place at Mr & Mrs. Dixon's property, Saltaire Street on Sunday 12 October, 1924, being that of Mrs Aston by Rev A Stuart of Linwood Baptist Church.



A baptism held at  
Bowhill Rd

## 1925

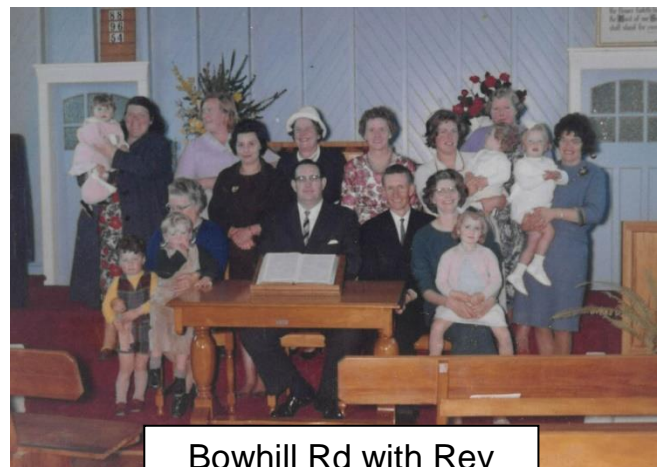
### Resolve to form a Church

After a lengthy process of working with the Canterbury Auxiliary Baptist Union of NZ, the formation of a constituted church took place on 19 February, 1925. On that day 16 people, including Mrs Aston, became foundation members of the North Brighton Baptist Church.

(See Appendix (2) Foundation Members)

### The following were the first Church Officers:

Treasurer:	Mr Charles Dixon
Deacons:	Mrs Goring; Mrs Sellars
Organist:	Mrs Sellars
Communion:	Mrs Aston, Pearl Noonan (Stewards)
Press Reporter:	Pearl Noonan
Secretary:	Mr I Richardson
Ground Steward:	Men of the Church
Convenor:	Secretary



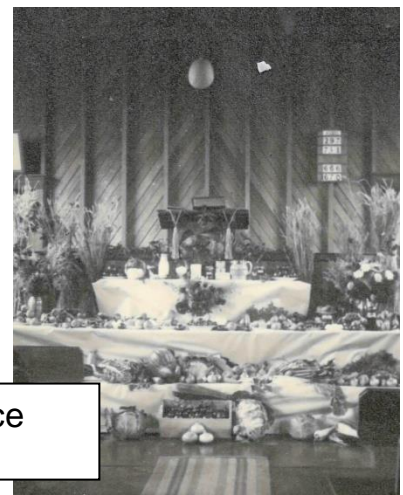
Bowhill Rd with Rev  
Hopkins

(Secretary instructed to have rules of Church printed and make a small charge for same).

## Special Anniversary Dates

1922, 10 December:	Church Anniversary
1923, 25 March:	Sunday School Anniversary
1924, 24 August:	Young Worshippers League
1925, 26 May:	United Band of Hope

These events were remembered and celebrated annually for many years thereafter.



Harvest Service  
Bowhill Rd

## Church Manse

In 1949 a section was purchased in Bowhill Rd for £200 and at a later stage a manse was built.

(See Appendix 3- Letter to NZ Baptist Union)



## Baptist Women's Missionary Union (BWMU)

Mrs Goring became the Dominion President for year 1925/26. She travelled NZ meeting with many of the BWMU branches, encouraging women in their prayer for, and financial support of, NZ Baptist Missionaries.



Bowhill Rd

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1922 -1962

A celebration weekend was held in February 1963 to celebrate 40 years of witness since the first church service on Sunday 10 December, 1922. The local MP Hon J Mathison and the Christchurch Mayor Mr G Manning, along with others, gave their tributes at the Welcome Dinner held at the Saint Faith's Hall on the Saturday. A social followed in the Church hall. On Sunday two special church services were held. Two former pastors were guest preachers for the morning and evening services.

(See Appendix (4a) for Newspaper clippings)

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

In 1973 the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated. A Saturday night event was compered by Mr Newton Dodge and included old movies, reminiscence and singing. The Sunday service was led by Mr R French and an evening tea with celebration cake finished the event.

(See Appendix (4b) for photo)

## Finding Ministers

For almost eleven years the church did not have a paid minister due to the lack of funds to finance one. The church relied solely on volunteer preachers and had a large pool to call upon within the Christchurch Baptist family of churches.

At the beginning of 1930, the Rev I Takle became their first Minister and volunteered his services fulltime without remuneration for nine months. His sacrificial work grew the church.



Bowhill Rd Trans-Pacific  
Crusade 1964

This set the course for them to join forces with the St Albans Baptist Church who shouldered the sizable proportion of the cost, and called the Rev. E W Grigg to lead the two congregations. He started in 1933 and finished in 1936. Each church kept their autonomy.

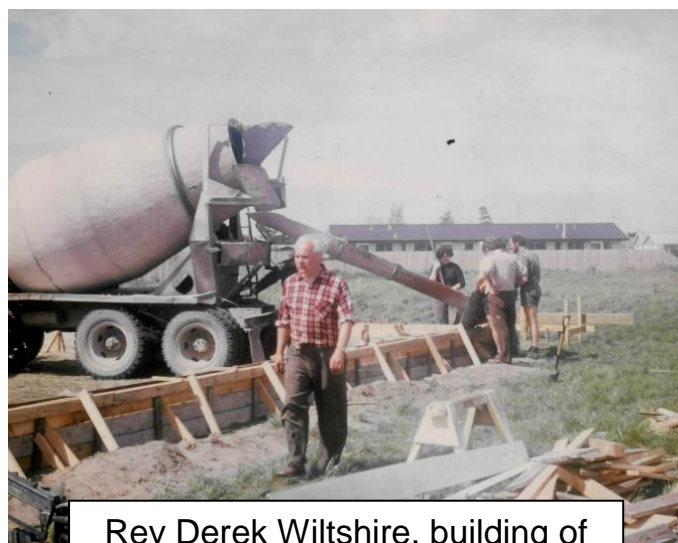
This led to a succession of eight Ministers from 1937-1978 who were called to serve them. One Minister was shared with the Linwood Baptist Church and the Wainoni Baptist Church. Mostly they had a Minister who solely worked for them.

(See Appendix (5) for full list of Ministers and years of Ministry)

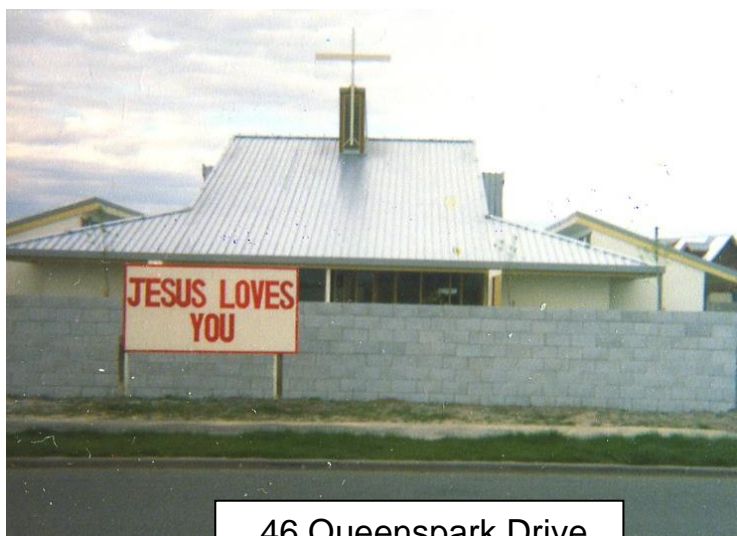


Easter Camp 1941

In 1978 the Rev Derek Wiltshire started as Pastor and the work began to grow under his visionary leadership. It was known to be the fastest growing Charismatic Baptist Church in NZ during his ministry. The congregation outgrew the church in Bowhill Road which catalyzed the move into Parklands. The generosity of individuals at that time purchased five sections at 46 Queenspark Drive in the new subdivision of Parklands. The old church was subsequently sold to help finance the new building project.



Rev Derek Wiltshire, building of  
46 Queenspark Drive



46 Queenspark Drive



Prior to the final move from North Brighton, evening services were conducted at a house loaned to the church by Mr Ron Mauger, a building contractor and member of the Brethren Assembly.

On Sunday 1 July, 1979 the congregation left Bowhill Road permanently to begin worship in the unfurnished property at 46 Queenspark Drive, Parklands. It was built by volunteer labour, notably including Bill Price who worked fulltime donating his time, together with people from a government working scheme. The church opened debt free.

(See Appendix (6a) - Letter to members and (6b) Parklands Opening)

In October 1979 a thanksgiving opening service was held in the completed building. The work continued to grow under the leadership of Derek Wiltshire.

In 1982 Rob Packer was appointed as Pastoral Assistant and in that same year Mark Jackson joined the staff as an Evangelist.

In 1983 the church was divided into three separate congregations: Dallington congregation led by Mark Jackson, North Beach group led by Grant Brewster and Rev Derek Wiltshire, and Rev Roger Spicer was called from the London Bible College to continue the work at the Parklands site. All three groups experienced growth. The three congregations met together for evening worship and a monthly celebration on a Sunday morning.

In 1984 Rev Derek Wiltshire was called to the Waihi Baptist Church and Mark Jackson was replaced as Pastor at the Dallington congregation by Angus Sutherland. This work closed four years later.

In February 1986, what had become the North East Baptist Congregations comprising the three congregations was officially dissolved. The three congregations became autonomous with the North Beach group becoming the Seaview Christin Centre (now known as the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus in New Brighton).

The Church changed its name to be known as the "Parklands Baptist Church" while at 46 Queenspark Drive. Parklands continued under the leadership of Rev Roger Spicer.



In 1987 a decision was made to remove the office walls on the east side of the auditorium to alleviate the limited space due to the number of children attending Sunday School.

In 1988/89 assistance was given to the Papanui Baptist Church for the planting of a church in the Redwood area. Papanui Baptist eventually took the lead in this.

In 1989/90 a children's church facility doubling as a community facility was built next to the main church. The church manse was sold to partially finance this.

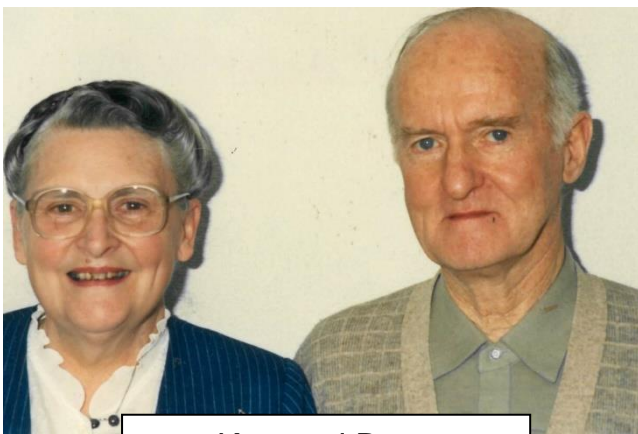


Building of the  
Children's Church hall

A vision to re-plant the Wainoni Baptist Church in their now vacant building came that same year. A joint eldership of the two works was formed. Andy and Eve Edwards were appointed as leaders and 22 members formed ultimately this planting group. The two congregations met together each Sunday evening and for monthly morning celebrations. The Wainoni Baptist congregation functioned as a daughter congregation. (now known as Breezes Rd Baptist Church)



Wainoni Baptist opening  
Andy & Eve Edwards, Roger & Jill  
Spicer, Denis & May Redpath,  
Lester Connor



Ken and Betty  
Roundhill

In 1990 the Japanese Christian Fellowship (JCF) was birthed from this church by a retired missionary couple returning from Japan, Ken & Betty Roundhill. JCF functioned as a separate congregation and met in the church hall. The first full-time Japanese pastor was Pastor Nakazawa who was totally funded from Japan. This work continues today and has relocated to 510 Colombo Street, Christchurch.



In 1994 the rear wall of the church had to be relocated to accommodate growth.

In 1995 Tony Collis was appointed as Assistant Pastor with a special responsibility for youth.

In 1995 the Wainoni Baptist congregation became fully autonomous.

In 1996 a feasibility study was undertaken to explore the future possibilities for expansion of facilities at 46 Queenspark Drive.

In 1997 Sheryl Rule was appointed Children's Church Pastor for one day each week and Nigel & Janis Sandri replaced Tony Collis in youth leadership.

In 1997 the opportunity to purchase what was the New World Supermarket and Shopping Mall at 180 Queenspark Drive was taken up by the church.

The subsequent miraculous sale of the church to the Christchurch City Council came soon after. The CCC have remodeled this building into the current Parklands Library.

In 1998 a complete refurbishing was carried out on the newly acquired supermarket to turn it into a functioning community facility. Christine Redpath was the architect for this generously donating her time to undertake this.



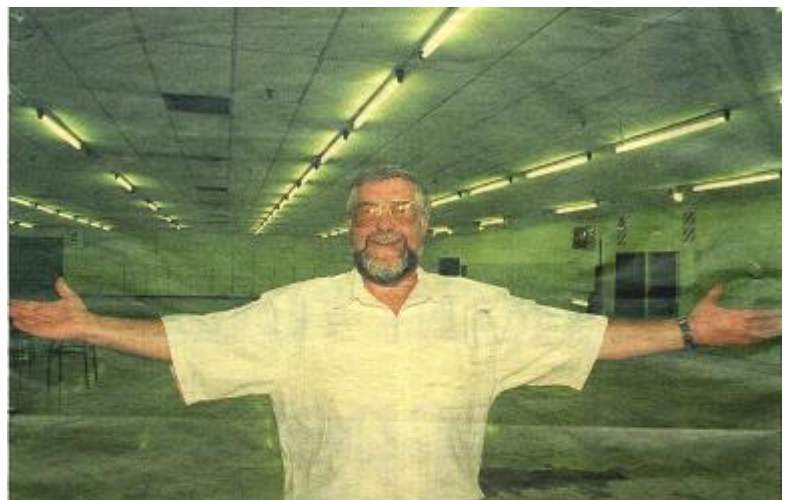
Relocating to 180  
Queenspark Drive



The Children's Church hall was relocated to the new site.

The official opening was in December 1998 preceeded by a march of church members from the old church to the new facilities. The approximate capacity for seating was 600. Three shops remained and continued renting space from the church.

In 1999 Rev Allistair Saunders, previously from Eltham Baptist Church, was appointed Assistant Pastor/Administrator.



The Reverend Roger Spicer welcomes the community to the Parklands Baptist Church's new premises at the Queenspark Shopping Mall.

**Parklands Baptist Church**  
**alive, well and on the move**



March by church members to  
official opening of 180  
Queenspark Drive

In 2000 the Christian Activities Trust which was created back in 1994 to raise funds for Mission work had a name change to become the Queenspark Community Trust (QCT). It comes under the umbrella of the Church and undertakes many of the activities in our community. The Trustees appointed then were Pastor Allistair Saunders, Keiran O'Hagan, Bob Dixon, Malcolm Taylor, and Adrien Lefebvre. In May 2017 the QCT took over the care and responsibility those employed by the church in community ministries, as well as raising finance.

(See Appendix (7) for QCT current Ministries and staffing from 2017)

In 2000 Nick Bates was appointed full time Youth Pastor.



Leadership Team and  
Spouses  
Approx. 1998  
(Back row left to right)

Jim & Dianne Toner, Ted &  
Joan Diack, John & Sylvia  
Overton, Nigel & Janis Sandri  
David & Jill Baines, Dot Rice,  
Roger & Jill Spicer



A shop leased to a Real Estate Agent became vacant and was partly refurbished as a community room.

In 2001 Joyce Bailey was appointed part-time Children's Church Pastor working two days each week.

In 2002 Nick Bates, Youth Pastor, resigned and went back teaching.

In 2003 the Christchurch City Council financed through grants to the church a stand-alone Community Pottery Room on our property. This operated as a Pottery room until recently and has now been rented out as a Midwife Centre.

In 2004 Kim Button was appointed Youth Leader. Kim was unpaid initially but this became a part time paid position.



Leadership Team  
Early 2000's  
(left to right)

Jim Toner, John Overton,  
Allistair Saunders, David  
Baines, Roger Spicer,  
Kieran O'Hagan, Phil  
Melgren

In December 2004 the members formally adopted a new constitution based upon the Ministry Led Church (Accountable Leadership Model). The hope of this model was to shift the work of ministry from the pastor to the people, the governance of the church from the people to the pastor and elders, and to align the church onto an outward focus of mission.

The name of the church was changed at this time as well to be known as the "Parklands Baptist Community Church".

(See Appendix (8) for PBCC Decision making process).

In 2005, after 22 years of pastoral ministry Rev Roger Spicer was sadly farewelled as he took up the work as Pastor with the Halswell Baptist Church.

In 2006 the Rev. Allistair Saunders was farewelled. He then worked with the NZ Baptist Union as an Intentional Interim Pastor for struggling churches. After he retired he came back to Parklands, and he and Winsome now worship with us.



Parklands Baptist Community Church pastor Chris Ponniah and wife Joy Ponniah look forward to working with the community.

## New pastor believes church needs direction change

In 2006 the Rev Chis Ponniah was called as Lead Pastor. His main ministry emphasis was for the church to be more missional focused.

The earthquake in 2011 gave the church a practical way to serve the Parklands community, becoming a hub for many organizations. Chris resigned in 2014 and moved to Hong Kong to Pastor a church.

In 2007 Jenny Faulkner was called to be a Pastor to Seniors, part time. This she did with dedication and hard work. The craft group which was started by Joy Holloway in 1999 grew to regularly having over a hundred ladies attending weekly. Jenny finished in 2012 and moved to Tauranga to be near family.

In 2008 Pastor Kevin Marshall was employed as the Operations Manager to look after the church facilities.

In 2009 Simon and Annette Williams were called as joint Youth Pastors and developed a very successful Youth Ministry, their main thrust being discipleship, leadership and becoming a community serving Christ. They left in 2015 when they took up a call to pastor the Kaiapoi Baptist Church.

In 2021 Jasper Van der Meer was employed to look after the Intermediates and Kieran Priest the Year 9 and above youth.

2022 saw the appointment of Adrien Lefebvre in a part time role as Church Manager.

## Canterbury Earthquakes

The earthquakes of 2010/11 had a severe impact on the lives of those living in the hard hit eastern suburbs of Christchurch, and as such we had many members of our own church family, along with our community, with houses either unliveable or needing rebuilding or repairs. The February 2011 earthquake did major damage to our infrastructure with damaged roads, loss of water, power and sewage, in some cases for a number of weeks or longer.

As a church, our immediate response was to provide whatever help we could and we did so by digging out liquefaction, providing food and meals, delivering water, door knocking to



assess needs and opening our hall up as a “drop in” centre for those needing help, support or just a place to be with others while coping with the ongoing aftershocks.

As immediate needs were met we then became a hub in the community for numerous agencies who used our buildings for public meetings or to set up temporary offices and points of contact to offer help and support. These included Civil Defence, EQC, CERA, insurance companies, legal support and counselling services.

We then worked through the rebuilding of houses and lives. The stress of what we went through was evident in us all, but we were also able to show God’s love and gain a stronger presence in our community through our involvement during this significant time.



## **2011/12 Post Earthquake Staff**

For a short time after the earthquake we were able to get funding to employ some part timers to help with our recovery effort in the community.

They were:

Rachael Green, 8 June 2011, Social Worker, 6 month position.

Joanne Smith, 8 June 2011, Social Worker, 6 month position.

Kathy Caughey, 25 January 2012, Community Services Manager.

Meli Richards, 8 February 2012, Families Support Co-ordinator, 1 year contract.

Julie Dalzell, 8 February 2012, Children’s Support Co-ordinator, 1 year contract.

In 2012 Regan Helsloot, who was Jenny Faulkner’s deputy leader accepted the position to be the Older Person’s Coordinator, part time. Regan was a ball of energy and was loved greatly by the senior people. She had a wonderful gift of evangelism and used it a lot.

In 2012 Anita Darnell was employed by the Church part time as our Childrens and Families Worker. Anita is still with us and is a very valuable member of the team. Her work is far-reaching into our community and is appreciated by many. Anita is now employed by the Queenspark Community Trust (QCT) doing the same work.

In 2012 Tony Marsh was employed part time as a Funding Assistant. His work was to find money to help fund the variety of ministries being run by the church into the community. He continued doing this until his sudden passing in December 2018.

In 2016 Rev Colin Wood left the Central Baptist Church, Invercargill and became our Lead Pastor. He and his wife Linda have been committed to the church complex being totally redeveloped after the Christchurch earthquake back in 2011. This has taken years of disruption for the church family and Colin has worked hard to keep us together through this time.

He is a very creative person and desires that we be a community church in name and practice.



Colin and Linda  
Wood

In 2017 Jasper Van Der Meer became a Youth Worker part time with the local Queenspark Primary School. Simon Williams pioneered this work while Youth Pastor. Jasper continued this and he has built up a good working relationship with the school Principal, teachers and pupils. This work, currently being undertaken by Kieran Priest, came under the umbrella of the Queenspark Community Trust (QCT) from May 2017.

## Building Redevelopment

In 2019 we started a major redevelopment of the main building. This included undertaking earthquake repairs that were required to fix the building and bring it up to code. Prior to the earthquake, plans had been drawn up, but these were revised and eventually the work began, giving us the layout that we now have.

This was a long project for those involved, particularly as some had worked on the original redevelopment plans prior to the earthquake. In particular we were grateful for the work of Paul Cunningham, Mike Darnell and Chris Caselton who formed the redevelopment team to oversee this project, work with the construction company and organize working bees and numerous other tasks.

For the two years that this work was happening, the offices were relocated to a portacom in the carpark.



Portocom office  
being put in place



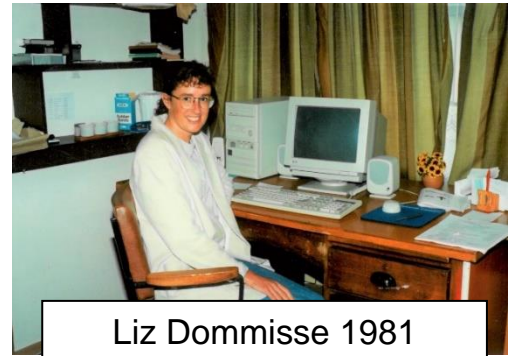
The Sunday morning services were held at Queenspark School in the hall and other groups met either in our hall or at the Parklands Community Centre. We were extremely grateful to have these options available to us.

### Office Secretary 1989-2022

Liz Dommissie our Church Secretary needs special mention in the history of our church. She started on the 13 July, 1989 as a young mother working 12 hours per week from 9am to 12noon Tuesday to Friday. Her main responsibility has been working closely with three Senior Pastors over her 33 years of service. These Pastors were Roger Spicer 16 years, Chris Ponniah eight years and Colin Wood six plus years (current Pastor). She took over the position from Pat Jennings. Prior to Pat were Karen Reynolds and Linda Hampton.



First service back in auditorium after redevelopment



Liz Dommissie 1981  
Arrival of first computer

### Congregation

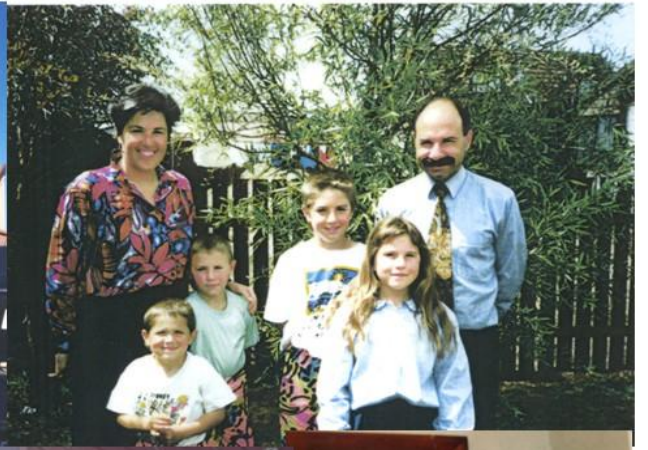
Now to the unnamed congregation who have faithfully served the Lord over the last one hundred years. As we know; 'We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before'. Psalm 100 says '*God's faithfulness remains from generation to generation*'.

We thank you for your valued contribution in this church family working quietly behind the scenes wondering if you made any difference at all. Maybe you have done the following.

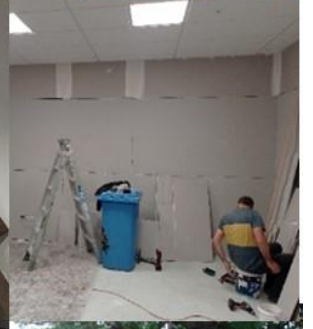
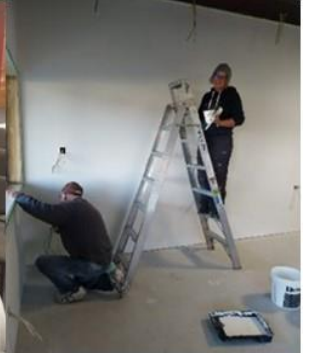
Kitchen duties; prayers meetings; worship team; youth leadership; Sunday school Teacher; Welcome team on Sunday; Seminars; conferences; Crusades; Sound or PowerPoint Operator; Chair stacker; Church cleaner; Camp cook; Camp organizer; Camp Parents; Camp participant; Preached; Baptized; Gave your testimony or shared in a service; Drama; Skits; Working bee; Painting; Building; Maintenance; Lawn mowing; Boys & Girls Brigade; Iconz; Elder, Deacon; Deaconess; Lifegroup leader (Homegroup); Serving in a community ministry; Membership; Generously given money as the Lord prompts; Communion; Hospitality; Tithing; Mens or Womens ministry; Fund raiser; Junk sale organizer or team member; BWMU supporter; Missionary supporter; Missionary; Prayer warrior; Faithfull worshiper Sunday by Sunday; Treasurer; Offering counter; Healing ministry; Car transporter; Pastoral visitor; meal provider; Community pamphlet deliverer; and much, much more.

No church can survive without the loyal, loving and faithful service of those who love the Lord and desire to serve God and His people. We become the family through which the Lord's works, bringing His Kingdom to our community of Parklands. Thank you for being part of this wonderful family making us what we are today. We bless the Lord for you and your contribution to fulfill the great commission to share the Gospel and make disciples. May the Lord be praised!











## Letter to church on appointment of Rev D Moore in 1943 and his response

NORTH      BRIGHTON      BAPTIST      CHURCH.

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November 20th, 1943.

Dear Friends,

Here is good news for every friend of the Church. For a number of years we have carried on a witness for Christ in the District. There have been good times and bad times, but over the years we believe the Church has become something of which many in the District are proud.

NOW WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCE.

It has become possible for the Church in Bowhill Rd, to have a full-time Minister and the Rev. D. C. Moore will be commencing his ministry on the first Sunday in December. A young man with a burning message of the Good News of Christ which he has proved in his own life; enthusiastic; and convinced of the future possibilities for the Church in North Brighton; he is the kind of man we have been seeking for this very important work.

As he begins his ministry among us shall we all pledge him our support in Prayer and in Active work? Let us welcome him to our homes, work with him in the Church as those who are daily becoming more convinced, that Christ is the world's only Hope. The Church needs YOU, will you answer this call?

We hope to see you with us at Mr. Moore's opening Services. We print below a message from our new Minister.

Yours sincerely,

G. T. Beilby. Moderator

E. R. Clark. Chairman Home Mission Comm.

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward as Minister of the North Brighton Baptist Church, to meeting you. I come into your midst as a friend and want you to regard me as your friend. Please count on me always as one willing to help you in whatever way I can. We have the welfare of your children at heart and will give of our best for them that they may be taught purity of life and motive and so be saved from stain and sorrow.

If you have not been in the habit of attending Church why not make this Church your Spiritual Home? You need the Church and the Church needs you.

A certain official, banished from the City of Rome by the Emperor, Vaspesian, retired to his country estate. He was sixty-three years of age and under his changed conditions took to cultivating his garden and more particularly his soul. At the age of seventy, this is what he said. "I have passed sixty and ten years on the earth-I have lived seven of them" This is the question I would press upon you-Are you living or passing the time? Life in its fullness is only found in fellowship with Jesus Christ. The finest possibilities of our life can only be developed by our God.

I am sure you will enjoy our services and will receive comfort and inspiration, for we preach the full orbed Gospel of Jesus Christ which is, LIFE, LIBERTY, LOVE, JOY.

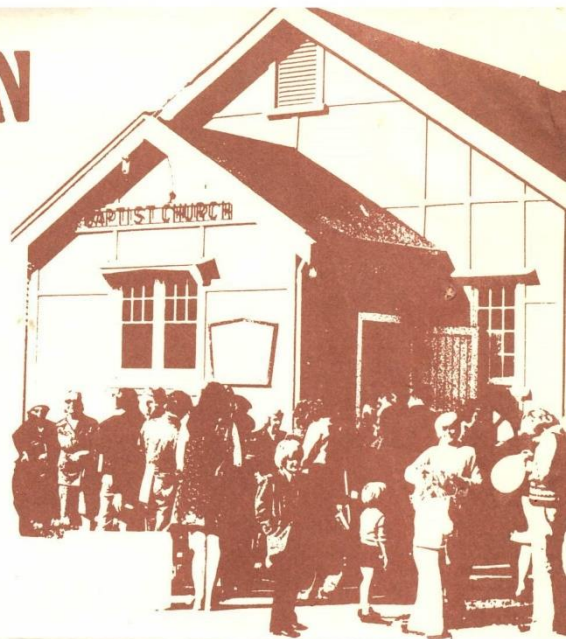
Yours sincerely,

† David. C. Moore.



# NORTH BRIGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH

BOWHILL ROAD



Sid Ilett, Sunday School  
Supt. Telephone 885-100.

Dear Friend

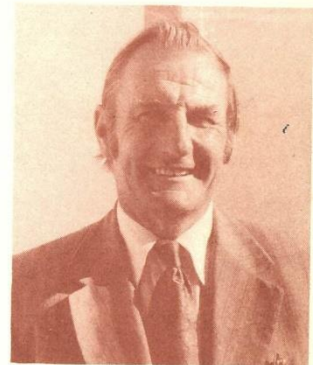
A church is people! People who want to be involved in the life of our community. So it is our desire as a church to:-

- \* ASK if there is some way in which we can be of service to you.
- \* SHARE what the Lord Jesus Christ means to us - and what he can mean to you.
- \* OFFER you a complimentary copy of the New Testament in today's English.

We sincerely hope you'll read the little booklet we've enclosed. If after reading it you would like to know more please return the slip enclosed.

## Facets of our church life.

- For children: A great Sunday School, 9.45a.m. Camps.
- For Teens: Social club, camps, community service, Bible Studies, enthusiastic leadership.
- For housewives: Bible study groups, Wednesdays 10.30a.m.
- For the Senior Citizen: Friendship Club.
- For all: Sunday services, 11a.m. & 7p.m. Creche available.



Tony LeCren, Youth Group  
Leader, Telephone 887-408.



Dianne Knight, Bible  
Class Leader, Telephone  
885-899.



Linda Hampton, Church  
Secretary, Telephone  
884-717.



Gail, Fiona and Brian Walker, Minister.





## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY FEB 8th 1981.

### VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Deut: 6v6,7.

### TODAY:

9.15a.m. Young Peoples Bible Class  
10.30a.m. Morning Worship and Sunday School

7.00p.m. Praise & Worship - Believers' Baptismal Service.

Both services will be led by the Pastor - Duty Elder Mr Paul Stewart. We welcome Murray & Marie Hemmingsen, Donna Beer and Anne Sullings who will confess their Lord in Baptism this evening.

### YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL:

It's so good to recommence these activities. God will Bless the ministry of the Word to our young people and our children.

MONDAY FEB 9th - 7.30p.m. Elders and Deacons meet for Prayer, Praise, Fellowship and Business.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 11th, HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS as follows:-

NORTH BRIGHTON: 7.30p.m. at 19 Pratt St, (Mr & Mrs H. Frunt - 884.725)

NORTH BEACH: 8p.m. at 8 Royalist Ave, (Mr & Mrs J. Toner - 884.959.)

PARKLANDS: 7.30p.m. - 9p.m. - 488 Mairahau Road, (Mr & Mrs Peter Evans) PH. '31.080 (I Cor 14v26 - Eph 5v19. Col 3vv16,17.

BURWOOD/SHIRLEY 7.30p.m. at 27 Tasman Place,

(Mr & Mrs D. Lowe - 856.927).

All are invited to attend these times of happy fellowship.

FRIDAY: Feb 13th: 7p.m. Elders prayer  
8.p.m. Prayer for Revival.

### SUNDAY Feb 15th:

9.15a.m. Young Peoples Bible Class  
10.30a.m. Morning Worship and

Sunday School. Communion

7p.m. Praise & Worship.

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SUNDAY Feb 22nd at 7.p.m. Brother Emanuel with Peter Plummer - Ministry behind Iron Curtain.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Family Camp at Living Springs - May 1st - 3rd. Details to come later but please plan to come.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY: A series of highly recommended films on Family Life will be shown at Majestic House as under.

TUESDAY: FEB 17th:- The Strong Willed Child.

WEDNESDAY: FEB 18th - Shaping the Will without Breaking The Spirit.

SATURDAY: FEB 21st - Christian Fathering.

TUESDAY: FEB 24th - Preparing for Adolescence - (1)

WEDNESDAY: FEB 25th - Preparing for Adolescence - (2).

SATURDAY: FEB 28th - What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women: Lonely Housewife: Money Sex, and Children.

FILMS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7.15p.m. and are followed by Group Discussions and Sharing Sessions.

The films reature Dr James Dobson. The

Pastor and his wife saw one of them in Seattle last year and warmly commend them to you.

You need to register individually but if you will give your names to Mr Dennis Redpath, registration forms will be supplied. As far as we are aware there is no cost, but offerings are likely to be taken at each showing. You may go to one or more of the sessions.

ABOVE RUBIES: The latest copy is available in the foyer - ladies please take one.

MAJORITY: We congratulate Ivan Hodges on reaching the good old age of 21yrs. (Sat Feb 14th).

OFFERINGS:

General -	340.84
Building	40.00
Missionary	75.00
Will Ruler	5.00
Radio Rhema	15.00

\$ 475.84

YOUNG PEOPLE !!!!!!! Febrary 14th, 1981. Bring togs, towel and tag along to the church at 6.45p.m. Supper provided. If you are in doubt, come and find out.

### DUTIES:-

Communion - Elder, L. Berry, A. Delahunty, N. Grimmatt.

Door Morning: N. C. Hodges, I Hodges.

Door Evening: P. Cunningham, H. Frunt.

Creche: J. Toner, J. Powell, N. Frunt.

Creche Next Week: J. Huston, May Redpath,

Faith Woods.

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Jennifer Rudduck is looking for board or a suitable flat. If you know of anything that would suit please see her or phone 830.987. Praise God for providing a job starting Monday.



## Opening Service, 180 Queenspark Drive, Sunday 20 February 1999

AS A CONGREGATION, WE GRATEFULLY  
ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO  
US FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Canterbury/Westland Baptist Association  
Community Trust  
Boulcott Trust (Wellington Central Baptist Church)  
Arjay Trust  
Norman Evershed Trust (U.K.)  
Kenneth Weaver Foundation  
Smith Developments  
Christchurch City Council  
Canterbury Christian Funeral Services  
Larcombe print  
Parklands Supervalve  
Smiths City  
Tabernacle Trust (Auckland)  
First Baptist Church (Little Rock, Arkansas, U.S.A.)  
Philip Paisley (Food Equip)

### CONSULTANTS:

Christine Redpath (Architectural Designer)  
Lyn Abbot (Colour Consultant)  
Powell Fenwick Associates  
Kevin Simcock/Matthew Gray/  
Grant Rawcliffe/David James.  
Philip Paisley (Food Equip)  
Gordon Prior (C.R.C.)  
The P.A. People (Sound Equipment)  
Grant Kirton/Brett Harvey  
Murray Humm (Contract Documents)  
Christchurch City Council Personell  
Brent Watkins/Bill Haase/Lianne McCone  
Ken Thomsen/David Clark.

### Thanks and Presentations

Rev. Roger Spicer

*"Give Thanks"*

### Offering

Dance  
Gemma Hay & Talia Lawrie

*"Praise Him"*

### Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Eric King (South Island  
Superintendent of the Baptist  
Churches of New Zealand.)

### Song

*"Jesus God's Righteousness"*

### "Thank You For The Memories"

Rev. Derek Wiltshire

### Song

*"Thine Be the Glory"*

## Benediction

DO STAY FOR A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME (STARTS 4.30 pm)

MEAL SERVED ( 6.00 pm - gold coin donation would be appreciated)

## WELCOME TO OUR OFFICIAL OPENING



**Welcome** On behalf of the Elders and  
Congregation

### Notices

**Songs** *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*  
*"Salvation Belongs to Our God"*

### Greetings

Councillor Carol Evans (Christchurch City Council)

Rev. Graham Reddell (Canty/Westland Baptist Association)

Rev. Timothy Klein (Ministers Fraternal)

Ken Roundhill (Japanese Christian Fellowship)

## The Commitment of the Congregation

Lord, you have never waited for us to become  
perfect before showing us the measure of your love, or  
commissioning us to serve you in our world.

We dare to believe you are always calling us to a  
new venture; pointing us to new horizons in ministry  
and will never cease to do so.

This is a task, Lord, we cannot do alone; we need  
you as our guide, and the love of each other.

On this occasion we therefore claim the privilege  
of committing ourselves anew to your service.

With your help we will bear one another's burdens,  
and love our neighbour as ourselves.

We will accept disappointment and frustration,  
opposition and rejection, and not lose heart.

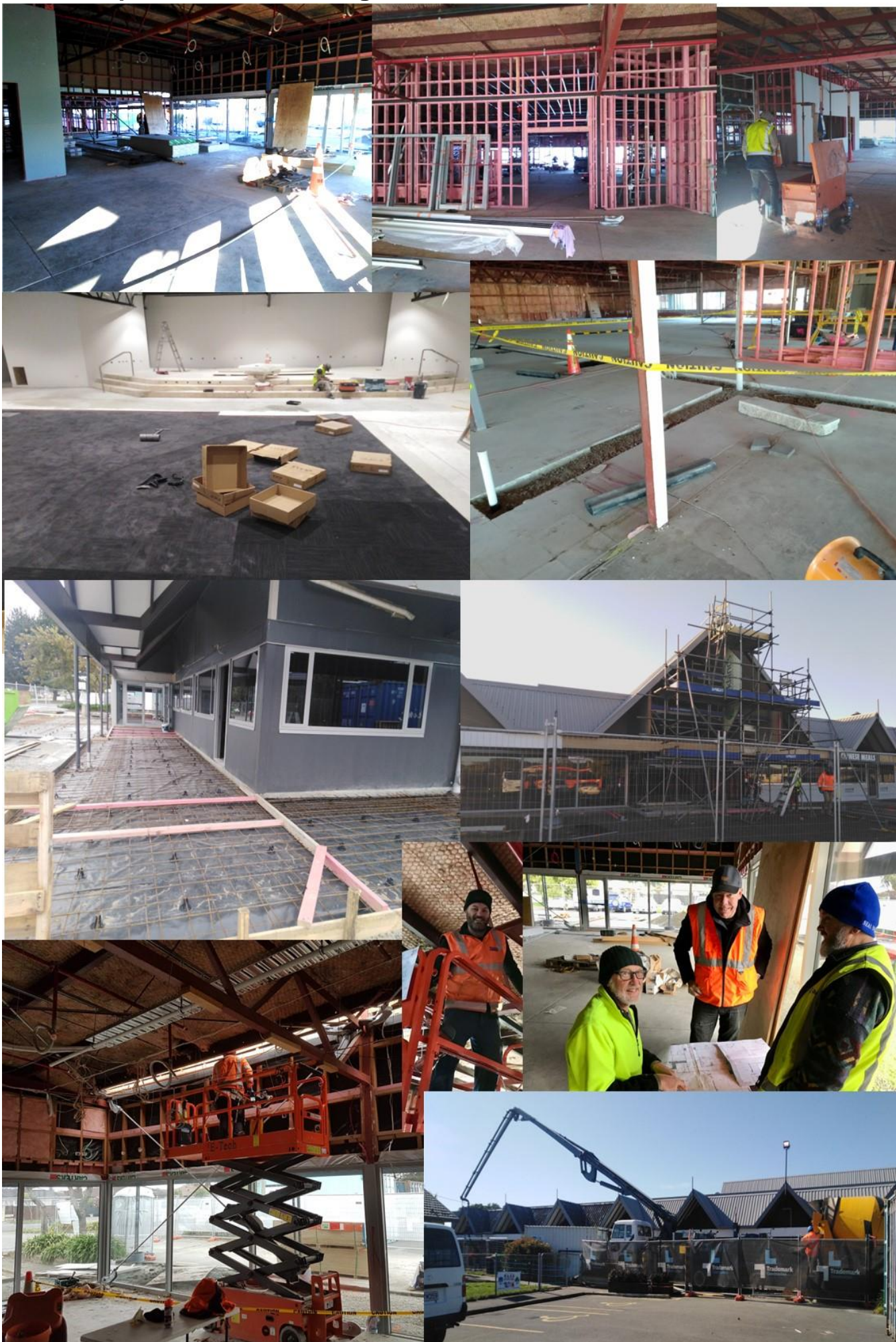
We will love your world as you love it, bring  
friendship into our work, and courage into our politics.

We will bring freshness into our homes,  
excitement into our studies, and adventure into our  
church. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew  
a right spirit within us. Stir into flame the gifts you  
have given, and the faith to use them without reserve.

As your disciples make us know the freedom to  
move into the unknown and the untried, to see the  
opportunities of the new day, and to serve our present  
age with compassion, imagination and courage.

Lord, be with us until we have done our part and  
share your joy. Amen.

## Redevelopment of the building 2019-2020





## Ministries and Groups happening in 2022

### Foot Clinic – Allistair Saunders

To help those who have difficulties cutting their toe nails. Held every 7 weeks. Volunteer team and professional nurses.



### Move & Groove - Anita Darnell

A fun music and movement session for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Held weekly during school term time



### Thursday Morning Tea - Anita Darnell

Weekly drop-in centre. To enjoy having a cuppa and meet with others.



### Craft Group - Lynette Dixon

Meeting weekly doing a variety of crafts. Building relationships and make friendships. The craft group was started in 1999 under a team led by Joy Holloway.



### **Queenspark Primary School - Kieran Priest**

A youth worker who spends time down at the school helping with the children, supporting and mentoring.



### **24-7 Youth Work @ Shirley Boys High -**

Jasper Van Der Meer and Kieran Priest

Working with the young people at school. To build links with the students, to talk, listen, play games, build relationships and speak into their lives when needed.



### **Movie Night - Anita Darnell**

A fun night for families to come along and have a meal together, followed by a movie



### **Aroha – Denis Gilmore**

A short service held once a month for the intellectually disabled. Followed by an afternoon tea.





## **180 Youth – Kieran Priest**

A group for young people 13-18 years. Alternating weekly with a youth service and meeting in smaller discipleship groups.



## **Impact – Jasper Van der Meer**

A group for Years 9 and 10 (Intermediates). Meeting school term time on Friday nights for fun, games and some good positive input



Other ministries and groups within the life of the church include Children's Ministry, Worship Team, Life Groups, Integration and Building Team.

## **Missionaries**

Over the years Parklands Baptist has supported missions work both locally and overseas. Those who are currently supported financially by the church are Kevin and Angela Nicholls working with Mission Aviation Fellowship and Chaiyot and Gayle Wansong working in Thailand. Also supported, but not financially are Malcolm and Wendy Taylor (World Outreach, Nations Course),

Those previously supported have been Peter and Alison Shaw (Radio Rhema), Jennifer Bayley (Radio Rhema), Colin and Donna Jemmet (WEC), Marty & Sue Scheib (OAC), Josh and Robyn Bloomfield (Tranzsend).

The church has regularly supported Baptist mission work, self-denial appeals and other missions organizations at various times.

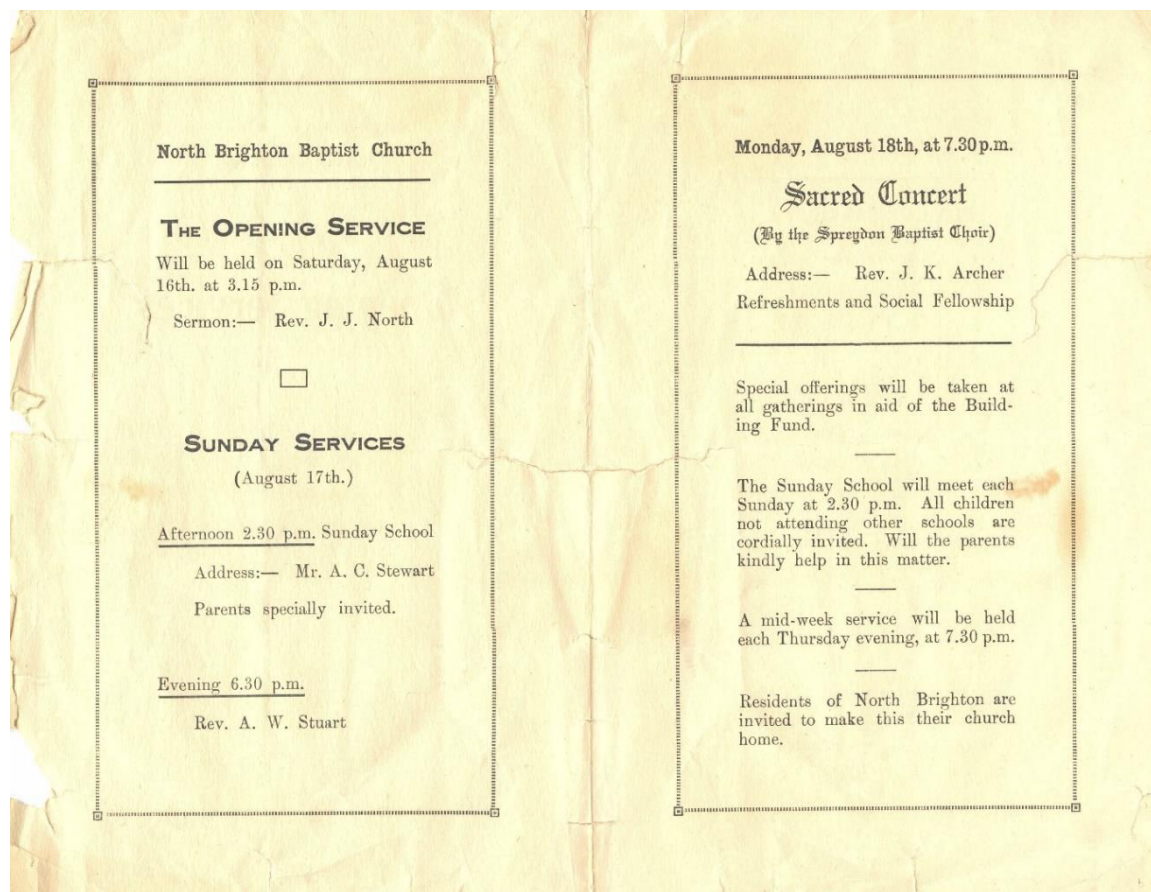
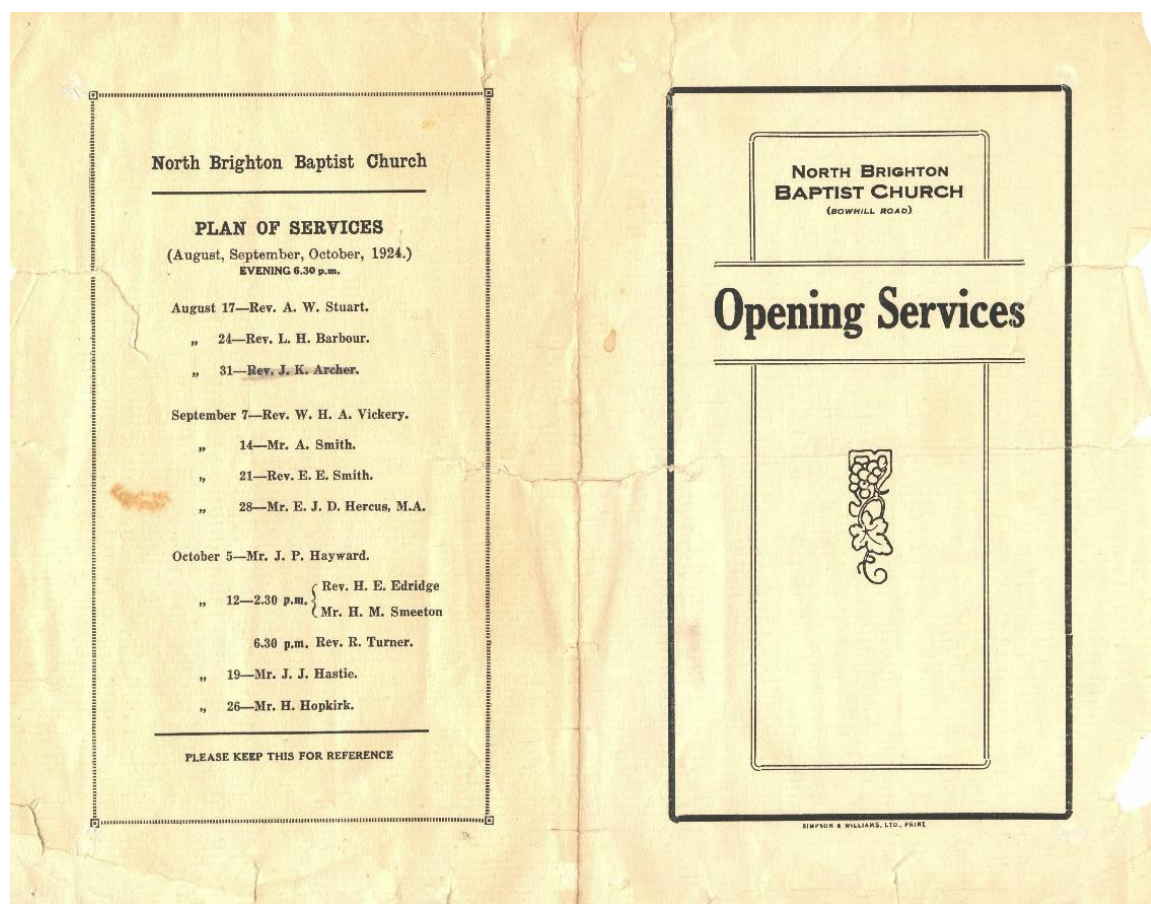


Chaiyot and Gayle Wansong



Kevin and Angela Nicholls

## Appendix (1) Opening Service





# Declaration re formation of North Brighton Baptist Church

We, the undersigned Christian people, having made profession of our faith, in believers' baptism, hereby express our readiness to be foundation members of the North Brighton Baptist Church, and to join the same.

1	Charles. Discour.	Linwood
2	Gertrude Cardine Discour	"
3	Jean Dixon	
4	Emma C. Lebay	Oxford Terrace
5	Sadie S. Gordon	Sydenham
6	William. J. Hile	Oxford Terrace
7	Violet Evelyn Noonan	Church of Christ. Moor
8	Pearl Violet Noonan	"
9	Albert Noonan	"
10	M. Jessie Bellars.	Oxford Terrace
11	Mrs A. Scott	Hanover St. Dune
12	Mrs M. Handisides.	Spreydon
13	Theresa May Symonds.	Sydenham
14	John Richardson	Oxford Terrace
15	Agnes Richardson	"

Dated 5/10/24

Appendix (3) Letter to Baptist Union purchasing land for manse

Christchurch N.W.1  
October 28th 1949

Rev P.F.LANYON  
Secretary  
N.Z.BAPTIST UNION  
P.O.BOX 693  
WELLINGTON.

Dear Mr Lanyon,

The Special Committee of the above Auxiliary set up to take oversite of the North Brighton Church have been authorised to purchase the Section next to the North Brighton Church with the object of building a manse at a later date.

The Sydenham Money Club, with whom we already have a small morgage on the North Brighton property are prepared to advance the purchase price £200 as ab addition to the existing morgage.

The property, being vested in the Baptist Union it is necessary that the Union Trustees sign the enclosed document. Will you please arrange for this at your earliest convenience so that the deal can be completed.

The purahcse has been authorised by the North Brighton Members at a duly constituted meeting.

Yours faithfully

Hon. Secretary



## 'Holding Society Together'

"The Christchurch City Council is aware of the part that different churches have played in the development of life within the city area," the Mayor of Christchurch (Mr G. Manning) told past and present members of the North Brighton Baptist Church at their 40th anniversary dinner on Saturday evening.

Mr Manning said the council was very interested in churches because the members of churches throughout the city were "the cement which holds society together."

"There are many unifying features in a community and the churches are the main one," he said.

"Your church has contributed greatly to development throughout Christchurch and the country.

"At the beginning of my experience on the Christchurch City Council, there were two prominent Baptist members; the Mayor (the Rev J. K. Archer) and Mr J. S. Barnett."

Mr Manning congratulated the church on reaching its fortieth anniversary.

Bringing the greetings of the Avon electorate and also those of the Government itself, the Member for Avon (the Hon J. Mathison) endorsed Mr Manning's remarks.

Mr Mathison paid tribute to the work of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand.

"They speak as if with one voice of spiritual rather than material values. A spiritual voice is needed now more than ever before.

"We welcome the strengthened voice of the churches," Mr Mathison said.

"At last we will have all churches represented in the Anzac service this year."

The Rev John Merton, on behalf of the Ministers' Association, congratulated the church.

Mr Merton also stressed the importance of church unity.

## N. BRIGHTON CHURCH

### Anniversary Plans

The North Brighton Baptist Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary on February 20 and 21.

There will be a welcome dinner for past and present members in Saint Faith's Hall on the Saturday. This will be followed by a social in the church hall.

On Sunday, two special thanksgiving services will be held. Two former pastors will lead the worship. The Rev. P. L. A. Crampton, of Rangiora, will lead the morning service, and the Rev. S. W. Grigg, of Lower Hutt, will lead the evening service.

Before the present church was built Sunday services were held in a room on the first floor of a drapery shop at the North Brighton bus terminus.

The present church, built by Mr A. C. Stewart, was constituted on August 12, 1924.

## Appendix (4b) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## **Appendix (5)** list of Ministers and Pastoral Staff

1930 12 January	Rev I Takle (9 months volunteer unpaid)
1932-1936	Rev E W Grigg (Shared Pastor with St Albans Baptist)
1937-1940	Rev F L Smart (Shared Pastor with St Albans Baptist)
1940-1942	Rev D C McKee (Shared Pastor with St Albans Baptist)
1943-1947	Rev D C Moore
1949-1950	Rev R S Hoffman
1956-1959	Rev H G Coutts
1960- 1961	Rev R M Upton (Shared Pastor with Linwood Baptist)
1961-1962	Rev R M Upton (Shared Pastor with Wainoni Baptist)
1963-1971	Rev D Hopkins (Shared Pastor with Wainoni Baptist)
1972-1976	Rev B J Walker
1978-1984	Rev D Wiltshire
1982-1983	Rob Packer, Assistant Pastor
1982-1984	Mark Jackson, Evangelist and Pastor, Dallington Congregation
1982-1986	Grant Brewster, Pastor to North Beach Congregation
1983-2005	Rev Roger Spicer, Senior Pastor Parklands
1984-1986	Angus Sutherland, Pastor Dallington Congregation
1990-1995	Rev Andy Edwards, Wainoni Congregation
1995-1997	Tony Collis, Assistant Pastor/Youth
1997-2000	Sheryl Rule, Pastor Children's Church
1997-1999	Nigel Sandri, Pastor Youth
1999-2006	Rev Allistair Saunders, Assistant Pastor/Administrator
2000-2002	Nick Bates, Pastor Youth
2001-2004	Joyce Bailey, Pastor Children's Church
2004-2007	Kim Button, Youth Leader
2006-2014	Rev Chris Ponniah, Lead Pastor
2007-2012	Jenny Faulkner, Pastor to Seniors
2009-2010	Kim Button, Community Worker
2008-2011	Kevin Marshall, Operations Manager
2009-2015	Simon & Annette Williams, Pastors Youth



2012-2015	Regan Helsloot, Older Persons Co-ordinator
2012-2017	Anita Darnell, Childrens and Family Worker (Now under QCT)
2012-2017	Tony Marsh, Funding Assistant (with QCT)
2015-2016	Jasper Van Der Meer, Youth Worker, Parkview Primary School
2016-current	Rev Colin Wood, Lead Pastor
2017-2017	Jasper Van Der Meer, Youth Worker, Queenspark School (QCT)
2021-current	Kieran Priest, Youth Worker, Years 9-11
2021-current	Jasper Van Der Meer, Youth Worker Years 7-8

### **Sign erected prior to the building of 46 Queenspark Drive**



Appendix (6a) Letter to Members 1979

PARKLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH.

46, Queenspark Drive,  
Christchurch, 9.

24th June, 1979.

Dear Friends,

Today is a milestone in the history of this church. After more than 50 years, we worship, for the last time as the North New Brighton Baptist Church at Bowhill Road. The witness to Jesus Christ has been faithfully maintained over those years. There must be a tinge of sadness in leaving, yet God's cloud has moved on, and we pray, will hover over the new building in Parklands. He has promised us an open door and calls us to walk into the land He is to give to us.

Next Sunday we meet as Parklands Baptist Church at 11.0.a.m. (Sunday School and Bible Class at 9.45 a.m.) and at 7.0.p.m. in our new building. We also commence a week's teaching on evangelism by Rev. David Christmas, and I do ask you all to be present at both services and when possible, at the other meetings. (Details are on the News Sheet.)

Can I draw your attention especially to a call for Prayer and Fasting on Friday, July 6th when we shall meet at 8.0.p.m. in the new church for prayer and praise. The worship group will be there to lead the singing and David Christmas will be speaking.

Please bear with us for any inconveniences which may be experienced over the next few weeks, as we complete the work on the new church. Whilst more will be said when the church is opened, we would say how much we have appreciated the forbearance of the New Brighton Christian Centre in making their premises available to us over the months and to the Parklands Playcentre for the use of their hall on Sunday evenings.

We shall still need, for the next three weeks or so, all the help we can get, both evenings and on Saturdays, so that the new building may be complete as soon as possible.

As we move, let us place all our trust in God, and seek His face, that we may be His truly effective army in Parklands. Great is our God, and greatly to be praised.

Your friend and pastor,

*David Wilkshire*



# New Parklands church opens on Saturday

The Parklands Baptist Church officially opens on Saturday, October 6, and a thanksgiving service will be held at 2.30 pm.

The Canterbury and Westland Baptist Association saw the need for a church in the Parklands area some five years ago and purchased land for that purpose in Queenspark Drive.

An approach was made to the North New Brighton Baptist Church congregation — which has met in Bowhill Rd for more than 50 years — seeking assistance in establishing a fellowship in Parklands.

The North Brighton Church, under the ministry of the Rev Brian Walker, accepted the challenge, carried out visitation in the Parklands district and formed a building fund. When Mr Walker moved to Dunedin two and a half

years ago, the North Brighton Church was served for a year by a lay-pastor, Derek Wiltshire. During this period evening services were commenced at the Parklands Community Centre (provided through the generosity of Mr Ron Mauger and now the Parklands Play Centre). Plans were also formulated for a worship centre on the Baptist site in Queenspark Drive.

"The Church decided it would build without looking for outside funds," said Mr Wiltshire, "and by trusting God to provide the monies as the need arose. The new building in Queenspark Drive is debt free and stands as evidence of God's provision."

Mr Wiltshire said that the total cost of the building is \$75,000 of which \$10,000 has been received as a gift from the Canterbury and Westland Baptist Association, \$30,000 from the sale of property owned by the North Brighton Fellowship, \$2000 from the Legion of Donors and the balance through giving by the local fellowship and by church friends.

The new church has been designed by Cowey, Mills and Partners and built under the supervision of one of the church members, Mr Bill Price.

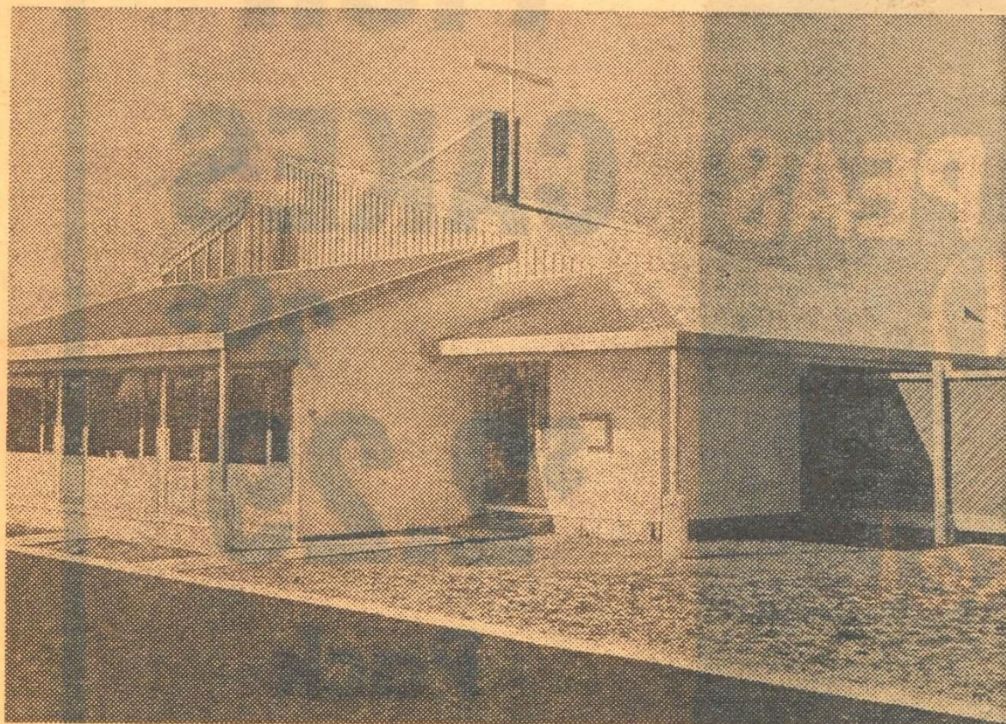
"Mr Price felt the call of God to leave his previous employment and supervise the building of the church," said Mr Wiltshire, "and to

trust God for his and his family's needs while doing so. God has provided and they have not been without for the 12 months of the building of the church.

"The building stands to provide a place of worship and of fellowship and is designed for youth work as well as a place where those in need may find help and love. Above all, it is erected to the glory of God and for preaching the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ," he said.

Much of the work has been carried out by the voluntary labour of church members but it is also wished to acknowledge the assistance of John Horton, Marty Minhinnick, Tom Turner and Noel Rusling who have worked so well on the project under the Government Work Scheme.

The new church is under the full time pastorate of Derek Wiltshire. Sunday services are held at 11am and 7pm. The morning service is preceded by Sunday school and bible class at 9.45am.



The new Parklands Baptist Church which will be officially opened on Saturday.



## Appendix (7) Queenspark Community Trust staffing from 2017

2017–current	Anita Darnell, Childrens and Family Worker
2017-2018	Tony Marsh, Funding Assistant
2017-2019	Jasper Van Der Meer, Youth Worker, Queenspark School
2018-2019	Ian Vallance, 24-7 Shirley Boys High
2019-2022	Kyran Frunt, Funding Assistant
2018-current	Jasper Van Der Meer 24-7 Shirley Boys High
2018 -current	Kieran Priest, 24-7 Shirley Boys High

## Appendix (8) Parklands Baptist Community Church Decision making process

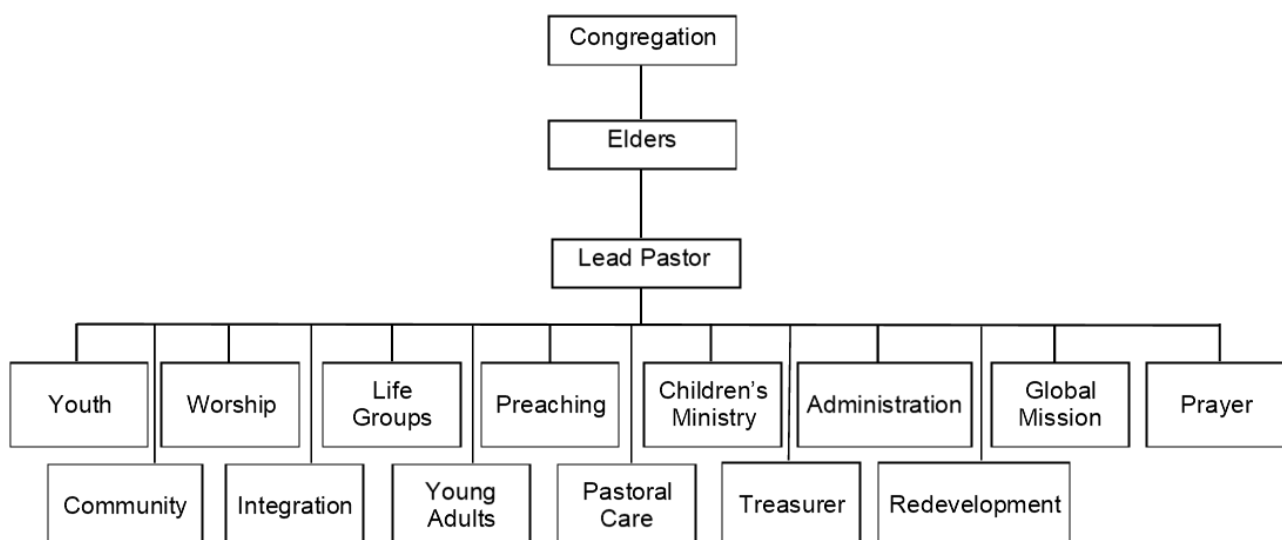
We use the “Ministry Led Model” in our process of decision making. The Elders, together with the Lead Pastor, meet regularly and look at the overall vision and goals of the church.

Regular Ministry leaders meetings are also held.

Each ministry leader is free to work within the goals and financial budgets set and agreed upon. They have their own teams and are encouraged to communicate to the wider church family.

Church members meetings are called when a decision is needed as per the constitution, or to update the church family on important issues. A Family Forum is held regularly after a Sunday service. This is a brief time for the Elders to touch base and inform or communicate some of the happenings in the life of the church.

## Leadership Flow Chart



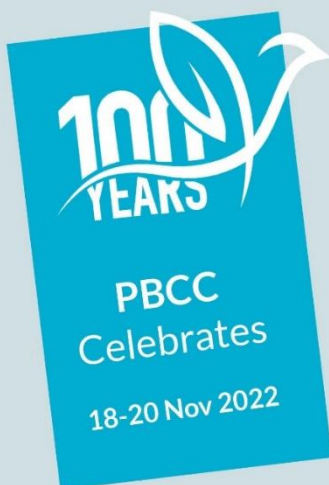


18-20 November 2022



### A Celebration Weekend!

- Friday night worship service and dessert evening, 7pm at the church.
- Saturday morning walk down beach. Meet at the pier, walk down beach then back. 10am.
- Saturday afternoon ministry showcase. At the church 2-4pm with an afternoon tea.
- Saturday evening dinner. Spit roast buffet with entertainment. 7pm at the church.
- Sunday morning church service, 10.30am.



### ART exhibition



Open invitation to create a single piece of art or a small collection to display as part of PBCC centenary celebrations. The theme for this art exhibition is 'thanksgiving' and 'generation to generation'. (Psalm 100:4-5)

Art will be on display for the duration of the weekend.

November 18th—20th 2022

For expressions of interest and more details please contact Rachel or the church office - [office@parklands.org.nz](mailto:office@parklands.org.nz)

Parklands Baptist Community Church - 180 Queenspark Drive

Enter his courts with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Thank him and bless his name, for the Lord is good and his gracious love stands forever. His faithfulness remains from generation to generation. Psalm 100: 4-5



**PARKLANDS BAPTIST**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH