

### **Report to Synod 2023**

The Board has continued to implement the plan developed for 2020-2025 based on a theological framework for Anglican Care with a clear statement of our Christian and Anglican identity which shapes our strategic direction. This framework informs our priorities for the mahi/work of Anglican Care under the following 5 main pillars:

- 1. The City Mission
- 2. Advocacy and Social Justice
- 3. Building relationships with significant partners and collaborators where we don't do the doing.
- 4. Partnering with Parishes
- 5. Building up the work in South and Mid-Canterbury and potentially the West Coast and rural areas

Themes in these areas that the Board has focused on are rising inequality in incomes and housing, mental well-being including youth mental health and social isolation particularly amongst the elderly and understanding rural needs.

The Board is currently looking at its governance structure to ensure that we are in the best position to support the work undertaken under the banner of Anglican Care and as we move forward into the future.

#### 1. City Mission

The Christchurch City Mission, under City Missioner Corinne Haines, continues its 90-year history of looking after the most vulnerable people in our city. We continue to grow our services in key areas, including work with the homeless, transitional accommodation, our foodbank, our Alcohol and other Drug Services, community activities, learning and development programmes and our catering, café, and op shops.

The redevelopment of the City Mission campus at 269-275 Hereford St will be completed by the end of June 2023. The café and transitional housing buildings were completed last year (2022), with the café opening to the public in October and the transitional housing receiving its first residents in December. The self-serve foodbank is expected to open in July and will allow clients the dignity of choosing their own food items, should they so desire.

The Mission is focused on learning and development courses for our clients so they can improve their confidence and self-esteem, and develop numeracy, literacy and computing skills which will help them successfully integrate back into the community.

The Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) team is widely acknowledged for their services across the health. During the year, we received the very generous

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donation of the Elm Tree Lodge property in Bishop Street, which gives continuing security for this drug withdrawal management service.

The links between the various teams within the City Mission whanau continue to strengthen and grow, ensuring that we can provide a seamless and cohesive service to our clients. Our staff and volunteers are totally committed to the work that they do, - work that they do with love, passion and enthusiasm.

Finally, our grateful thanks to our donors, sponsors, trusts and foundations who continue to support us with funding so that we can continue to faithfully serve our community.

# 2. Advocacy

Rev'd Jolyon White continues to head the Advocacy unit which this year has focussed on rental housing including whether rentals meet the legislated "Healthy Homes" standards and continuing the partnership with Canterbury Community Law with one-to-one advocacy services in Mid and South Canterbury.

# 3. Partnerships with other Providers

Anglican Care cannot do it all, so we have partnered with other organisations who have the skills or knowledge that we don't.

Our relationship with the Christchurch Methodist Mission at the Guild St site (old Churchill Anglican Aged Care site) continues with the social housing units providing safe, warm secure housing for 15 families.

The Youth Hub—Te Hurihanga o Rangatahi Trust development at our Salisbury St site is steadily progressing under the leadership of Dame Sue Bagshaw. Building work is well underway and everyone is looking forward to its completion.

### 4. Partnering with Parishes

The Energy Poverty project was very successful however unfortunately came to an end in August 2022. The team did 18 door knocks across 4948 houses, 19 events/presentations and 107 home assessments. In total 14,952 LED lightbulbs and 1,909 energy efficient devices were issued to people in need. 166 volunteers from the parishes involved gifted 824 hours to this project. The Elder Care programme is currently being offered by nine Elder Care centres (eight in Christchurch plus one in Timaru), each hosted by an Anglican Parish with a part time paid co-ordinator reporting to the Project Manager, Rev'd Anne Russell-Brighty. The programme is designed to support the elderly and combat social isolation with a strong emphasis on health and wellbeing.

#### 5. Mid and South Canterbury

Our Mid and South Canterbury advocates (staff and volunteers) continue to support people in Ashburton, Timaru, and the wider area. They also work along with Canterbury Community Law with one-to-one advocacy services. The Oceans Grief and Loss peer support programme continues to provide a valuable service to both adults and children in the South Canterbury area.

#### **Trust Board 2022-2023**

Our grateful thanks to the members of the Board who have served faithfully during the year:

Bishop Peter Carrell (Warden), Miss Jane Evans, (Chair), Mrs Nalini Meyer (retired March 2023), Mr Ross McQueen (representing the City Mission Divisional Committee and taking the place of Mrs Nalini Meyer on the Trust Board who was Chair of the Divisional Committee), Mr Chas Muir, Rev'd Ben Randall, Mr Neil Shewan, Miss Steffi Brightwell and our Minute Secretary Ms Lynne Havenaar.

A special thank you to Mr Patrick Murray, Executive Officer, who retired at Christmas 2022 after 20 years of dedicated service to Anglican Care and to Ms Moka Ritchie, Chair of the Anglican Care Trust Board from April 2016 to August 2022.

Finally, we would like to thank our Divisional and Investment Committee members, dedicated staff, volunteers and our generous donors for their contributions and support of Anglican Care during the year.

Miss Jane Evans (Chair)
Mrs Georgette McAlpine (Acting Executive Officer)