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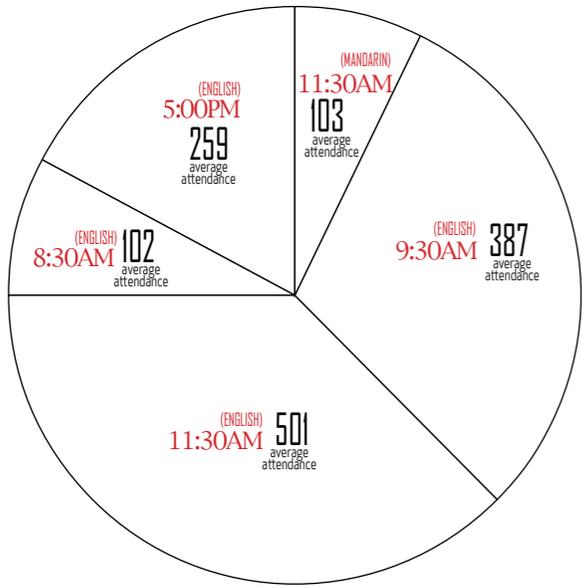
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SUNDAY SERVICES



average rostered musicians each Sunday **20**

average rostered media operators each Sunday **5**

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE EVERY SUNDAY **1715**

SUNDAY WELCOME MINISTRY SERVE EACH SUNDAY **33/165**



Overall Christmas services attendance

4512



Overall Easter services attendance

2582



99



22

MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **254** PER SUNDAY

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS **100** STAFF **3**

AVERAGE VOLUNTEERS **44** PER SUNDAY

FRIENDSHIP JOIN GARDEN **155**

Fusion Youth

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **50** PER SUNDAY 9:30AM

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE **20** PER SUNDAY 11:30AM

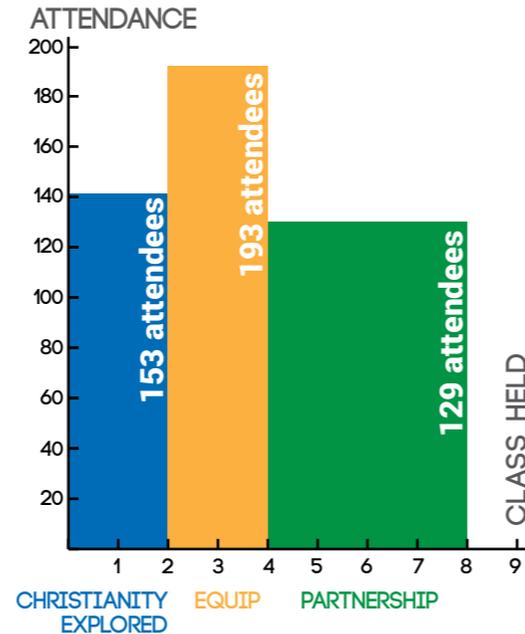
TOTAL LEADERS **19**

Women's Ministry

TOTAL ATTENDANCE **193**

Men's Fraternity TOTAL ATTENDANCE **42**

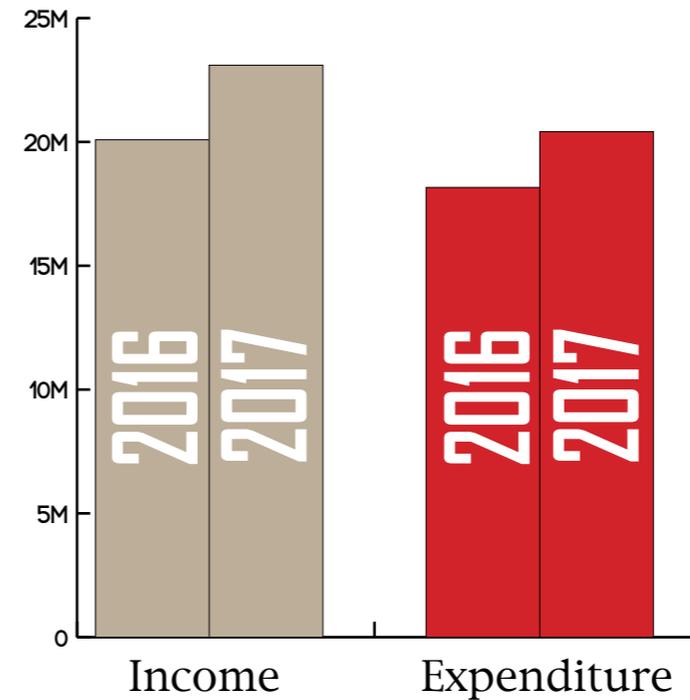
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2017 AT A GLANCE

FINANCE

Income/Expenditure



A man with curly hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue clerical shirt with a white collar, stands at a wooden podium. He is gesturing with his hands as if speaking. Behind him is a large screen displaying the text "creator of heaven and earth" and "the Father Almighty".

FROM THE VICAR

Maybe you have noticed that the plaques on both the Christian Centre and the Life Centre have the same dedication: 'To the Glory of God and to present the Good News of Jesus'. Imagine if every person who came to St Andrew's was somehow inscribed with that same dedication. After all, as followers of Jesus, isn't that our common purpose?

St Andrew's exists to equip and mobilize its people to fulfill this two-fold task, as articulated

by our vision statement, that we are 'a community of people devoted to Jesus Christ, who share his gospel, calling on people to follow him, and seeking the renewal and flourishing of Hong Kong'.

Of course, this vision is ongoing, and as we reflect upon 2017, we're thankful for how God has been shaping us for His purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR



Inspired Exhibit: Exhibition in the old church building



Word in Song Conference: A Night in with EMU

2017: A FULL YEAR

It's easy to look back on the year and see so many wonderful events. We began with the 110th Anniversary Thanksgiving Concert. Emu Music returned in February for another training conference and worship event.

During Lent we hosted the Inspired Exhibit, a collection of remarkable bible artifacts, which attracted almost 40,000 people from around Hong Kong to visit the exhibit and attend the lectures.

In September, we held the first HK Men's Convention, where Mike Raiter taught from the Gospel of Luke. Also, we were delighted to proclaim Christ at our largest ever Easter and Christmas events. All this without mentioning our many regular ministry activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

CONSTRUCTION

Whilst, for the time being, we have finished constructing the 'hardware' of our church, we are eagerly building the 'software'. We have the buildings but more importantly now we seek to build the people. This has been our major emphasis during 2017 as the church moves out of its recent stage of transition following the completion of the Life Centre.

Staffing provides the necessary support towards building our people. We have welcomed Ryan and Dawn Rudolph (Youth Ministry), Evan and Claire Brown (Creative Ministries), and Darren and Alice Pollock (Evangelism and Mission). It is our goal and prayer that our staff team teach, train and equip our people in God's Word, so that every member of St Andrew's takes part in ministry whether at church or at home, or in the workplace or elsewhere.

In this light, we have also sought to develop our ministry structures especially in integration and discipleship. Integration is how we welcome

newcomers, connect them to the church and help them to become part of our community. This happens organically as people build relationships with one another. However, there are also more formal contexts like our revised 'Partnership' course. Discipleship is how we build followers of Jesus. We have been providing more opportunities for this through our adult education courses ('Equip'), and multiplying our Growth Groups through recruiting and training leaders. The quality of our Growth Groups is crucial, as these groups are the best way to learn, get connected, supported and to grow in your faith at St Andrew's.

THE GOAL

We pray that 2018 will continue to be a year where we all inscribed: 'To the Glory of God and to present the Good News of Jesus'

Revd. Alex McCoy

Vicar

St Andrew's Church



THE TRUSTEES



(Left to Right: David Chui, Ronny To)

2017 has been a year to build our staff team and thankfully it has been an answer to prayer with all of the vacant positions filled. We thank God for His provision and goodness over the past 2 years to enable St Andrew's ministry to be carried out despite all the vacant positions caused by staff movement. In 2018, with the full team in place we see ourselves moving full steam ahead on nurturing growth in the areas of discipleship, evangelism and pastoral ministry.

In the past year we have extended our service to our community through partnering with other organisations (such as Inspired, Nesbitt, SHK Social Welfare etc.) and we should see further partnership opportunities in the coming year.

With so much excitement of God's work ahead of us we pray that the Lord will continue to give

our Vicar Alex the wisdom, strength and peace in his ministry and leadership so that God's purpose and plan for our church can be fulfilled.

We also need to cover other clergy and the staff team (and their families) in our prayers for protection against spiritual attack as they serve in the frontline of God's work.

As far as our daughter churches are concerned, we see Shatin Church moving to a new chapter in their church life with the purchase of a new office property which also opens up ministry opportunities under Rev. Heewo Han's leadership.

Resurrection Church has also been searching for a site in the Sai Kung area to build their church premise but so far with no success. We pray for God's guidance to direct Rev. Chris Ponniah and their Development Committee.

THE TRUSTEES



Inspired Exhibit

We continue to forge a long term, stable and close relationship with the Diocese and Province. The Board of Trustees (Church of England Trust) is the historical body that is legally responsible for the running of the 3 main English speaking Anglican churches (St Andrew's Church, St John's Cathedral and Christ Church)

under the chairmanship of Archbishop Paul Kwong. St Andrew's is also part of the Western Kowloon Diocese and comes under the care and direction of Bishop Andrew Chan.

Once again, we want to thank you all for your love and support for us as Trustees. We know that in our inadequacy it is only through Christ's sufficiency are we able to serve. Proverbs 29:18 reminds us that "blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction". Our prayer is that under

God's guidance we can continue to walk in the Way, the Truth and the Life and so serve and love one another dearly.

David Chui and Ronny To
St Andrew's Trustees

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LIFE CENTRE
聖安德魯生命中心

As we look back over 2017, there can be no other response than to thank God for his goodness. Financially, we have been able to meet all our expenses and commitments and end the year with a modest surplus. We have been able to repay the first instalment of the outstanding loan for the completion of the Life Centre as well as making the final payment to the contractors for its construction. The F&MC seek to be wise stewards of the church finances and be conscious that our work should be to support the main mission of the church – to spread the gospel for the extension of His Kingdom

We are therefore committed to ensuring all donations and funds raised by the church are primarily used for the church's mission. With the additional facilities of the Life Centre, we have been able to increase other income from its use by other Christian organisations. This is a longer-term objective of aiming to cover the overheads of running the church (utilities, security, rates etc) with the income generated from this other income.





At the same time, it is important that the management of all our resources is efficient and cost-effective. With additional and growing ministries, greater use of the Life Centre by outside organisations and the growing numbers coming to church services, we need to change from

'small church' systems to those more suited to our current and future needs.

This sometimes involves new technology, a different way of working and even a new 'mindset' from staff as to how things are done. Change

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

management is never straightforward yet we are blessed with a staff team that continually seeks to work for the best, both for the church and for God's glory. One challenge is how we can use processes with proven efficacy in the business world to improve management without becoming too business-like.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to appeal to each church member to consider their financial giving, so that we can, as a church, maintain the resources God has provided and at the same time increase our ministry support, all for the gospel's sake and His glory. The Committee pledges to work hard to manage these resources well in an accountable and transparent manner.

I would particularly like to thank Michael Chan and the Administration team for their hard work during the year as well as Juliana Wong who continues to work tirelessly in her role as Director of Community Relations in bringing forward organisations and ministries to use our facilities.

I would also like to thank the F&MC members for their continued support, wisdom and advice and willingness to serve throughout the year. A special thanks then to Alfred Li, James Mak, Garry Willinge, David Rainsford, Agnes Tso, Mau But and Gabrielle Colwill.

John Mitchell
Chairman
Finance & Management Committee

THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Buildings & Grounds Committee (BGC) is responsible for the faithful stewardship of our church compounds including the historical and modern buildings and the landscaped grounds, all in service to our congregation and community.

BGC looks after maintaining, repairing, renovating, upgrading our facilities and when required, providing advice to the Council for planning and facilities upkeep.

COMPLETED IN 2017

- Church Bell Tower – Financial Assistance from Development Bureau (DEVB) of the Government was approved for the Maintenance Scheme of the old church. This included the Bell Tower and overall external up-keep work to the Church. A heritage consultant was engaged to complete the conservation proposal.
- Christian Centre – new A/C replacement for YouthWorx Hall at 1/F of the Christian Centre has been completed for better maintenance and energy efficiency.
- The Nest - BGC technically assisted the Nesbitt Centre to plan and commence the site works of "The Nest" coffee corner at the north entrance, ground level of Life Centre.

- Management Proposal – Trial runs of a quarterly term contract for maintenance works of the whole church compound was reviewed successfully.



THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

PROJECTS IN 2018

- Bell Tower – to monitor the heritage consultant to proceed the tendering arrangement approved by DEVB. Actual work is expected to commence by Q2 of 2018.
- Christian Centre – support and explore the upcoming accommodation and facilities upgrade after tenants leave at the end of their lease in early 2019. To sort out the fit-out requirements for cooking re-provisioning at 1/F Kitchen.
- Management Proposal – To monitor the awarded yearly term contract for maintenance works.

GIVING THANKS

Thanks again to all the brothers and sisters who have voluntarily offered exemplary support to the BGC. Thank you for your heart to serve and for sharing your professional knowledge to assist the planned works.

This includes the team members of T C Lam, Taylor Wong, Gabrielle Colwill, Jango Wong, Betty Lo, Paul Wu; our patient secretary, Kit Li and faithful coordinator Mr Michael Chan.

With the planned revamp of existing facilities, a lot of work is expected from the BGC in the coming future.

We pray earnestly for God's provision for more professional members to join our team to serve Jesus with his/her gifts and competencies.

For brothers/ sisters who are interested in joining our team you are most welcome to contact Michael Chan or me.

'Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.' Psalms 127:1

Daniel Chow
Chairman
Buildings & Grounds Committee



DISCIPLESHIP



Home4U - Migrant workers fellowship

Discipleship is the pathway by which we build mature believers in Jesus and equip them to serve him. This is a life long process. At St Andrew's, two key features of Discipleship are our Growth Groups and our Equip courses.

GROWTH GROUPS

In total we have about 35 groups meeting throughout the week at different times and in various locations. Growth Groups are a vital part of church life, especially in a large church

where it is hard to get to know individuals on Sunday. The Growth Groups follow the sermon series, studying the same passages. The study material is prepared in-house. This year we have more formally structured our groups into 'clusters' of related groups, helping to develop community, creating accountability, conducting training, and multiplying groups.

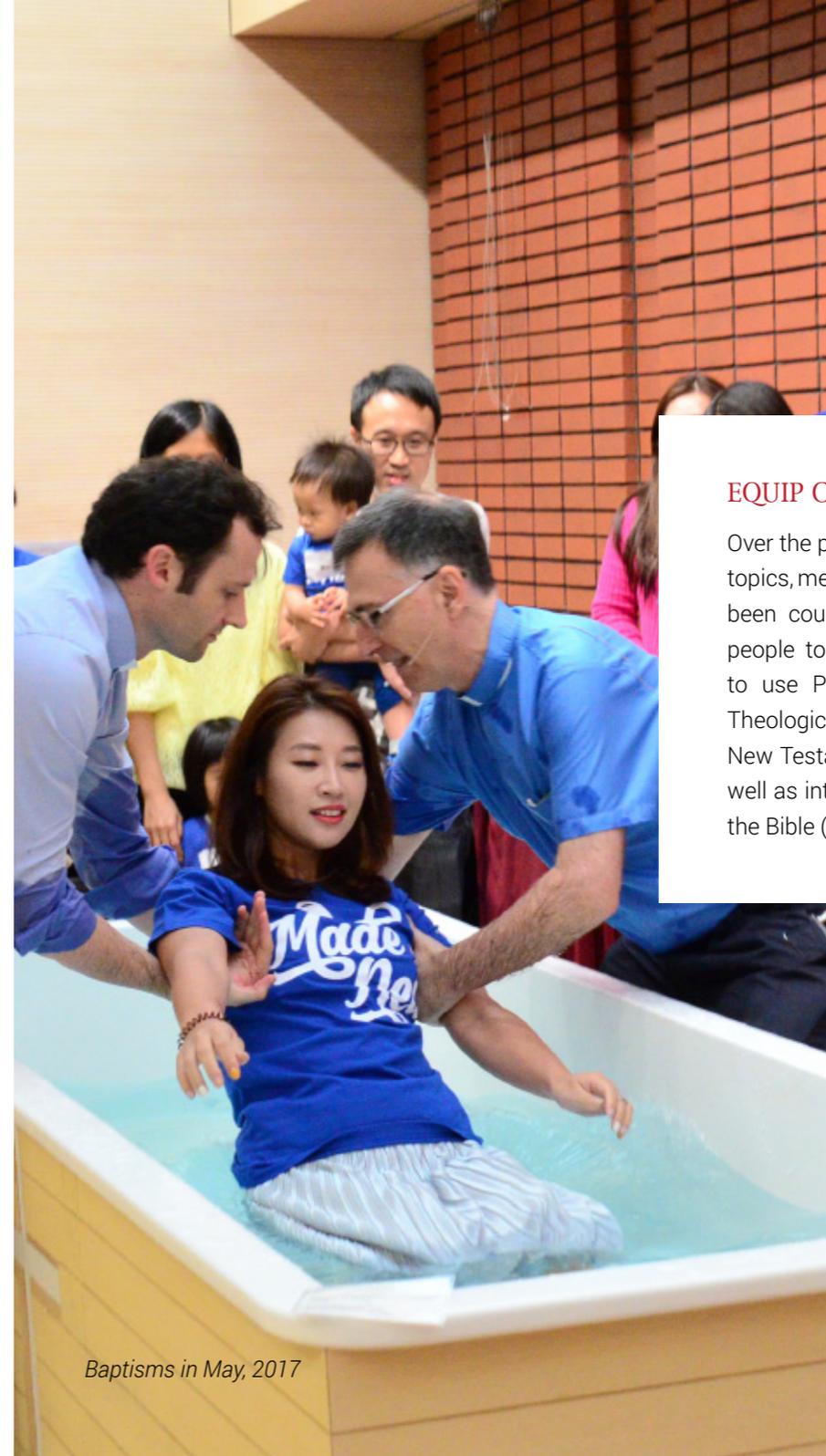
Home4U is our group ministry for migrant workers. This group meets together weekly, on Sunday afternoons. Due to growth in numbers, the group splits into three when in bible study. Lead by Arlene Moran, this group is a vital source of fellowship, support, community, and learning for its members.



Women's Brunch - 24 June 2017

FOCUS is the name of our university student group. University is a key time when many people consider the claims of Christ, or when individuals think about entering vocational Christian ministry themselves. With more

resources, we have seen the number of groups double. Each week the students meet for a meal, study a chapter from Romans, and listen to a talk about an aspect of the Christian life.



Baptisms in May, 2017

DISCIPLESHIP

EQUIP COURSES

Over the past year we've run courses on various topics, meeting throughout the week. There have been courses focused specifically on helping people to know the bible better. We continue to use PTC courses offered through Moore Theological College, Sydney (Old Testament 1, New Testament 1, Introduction to the Bible), as well as introducing new courses like 'Walk Thru the Bible (OTLive).



Men's Fraternity Graduation - June, 2017

We also run courses that equip Christians in facing practical issues. This year we held courses and workshops for parents going through Primary 1 applications; managing

Christian homes with Domestic Helpers; how we view our work; and pastoral care training in dealing with death, grief and loss. We also held our regular parenting and marriage courses.

DISCIPLESHIP

Our men's ministry continues to host the Men's Fraternity courses, including for the first time, 'The Great Adventure'. This year also saw the inaugural HK Men's Conference, hosted at St Andrew's. Our women's ministry is also busy preparing for their own conference in 2018, as well as running their usual schedule of events, like hikes, movie nights, and women's brunches.

A significant part of St Andrew's ministry is our Partnership course. This course aims at introducing people to the beliefs, values, and ministries of St Andrew's, as well as helping them to get connected and involved here. We run this 4-week course almost monthly. It's a crucial way of integrating newcomers to our church, as well as preparing people for baptism.

**Lisa Card, Diana Barnett, Arlene Moran,
Carrie Au-Yeang,**
Pastoral Workers

Rev. Alistair Gibbs & Rev. Ian Hadfield
Associate Ministers

EVANGELISM

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.” Charles Spurgeon

Evangelism is the church’s business and we are pleased at St Andrew’s Church to keep it at the forefront of our strategy and efforts. We are pleased to have run Christianity Explored (CE) courses three times this year and introduce over one hundred and four people to the gospel of Jesus Christ since the last ACM and mobilised over thirty lay leaders to share their faith.

We have also run exceptional evangelistic events such as the Ceilidh on the Hill, men’s beer tasting, as well as having a special evangelistic focus at Easter and Christmas.

We look forward to a year of growth through three Christianity Explored courses, regular evangelistic events and a large drive to encourage us all to participate in one to one bible reading plans.

Very important to St Andrew’s is the proclamation of the gospel to the girls at Diocesan Girls and Junior Girls Schools.



We are proud of the gospel responsibility we have through our weekly assemblies together and the running of two day retreats for over 140 girls to encourage them to think about the gospel as they commence high school.

Revd. Darren Pollock
Associate Minister

SERVING

Why do we serve? The gospel prompts us to do so. God's graciousness to us in Jesus Christ should be responded to in our acts of grace for those around us.

At St Andrew's we have plenty of opportunities to serve, both within our church community and also to our community around Hong Kong.



WELCOME MINISTRY

Our Welcome Ministry is the 'front door' to our church, the first impression that newcomers receive. We are thankful for our 165 volunteers that serve in this ministry. Their friendliness and faithfulness are a wonderful witness to the warm welcome we have received in the gospel.

We have held different initiatives during the year to welcome newcomers. These include monthly newcomers morning teas and lunches after our services, a hike at Sharp Island, baking sessions, and birthday celebrations. We hope in all these events that we can make people feel at home at St Andrew's and help them get connected to others.



SERVING HONG KONG

St Andrew's partners with many organization and charities around Hong Kong to serve the poor, marginalized and oppressed. We are

privileged to not only provide financial and prayer support, but also volunteers. Here are some highlights of the past year:

- Our Prison Ministry Team has grown from 2 to 4 teams, visiting Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and Stanley Prison regularly. This year the ministry also celebrated its 15th year.
- We continue our visits to the Home of Loving Faithfulness (HOLF), caring for adults with special needs there.
- Our significant partnership with the Christian Action Centre for Refugees continues. St Andrew's provides 2 English classes; facilities for winter clothes distribution, dental services, eye-screening, child development workshops, and photo exhibitions; as well as encouraging clothes drives and providing free spaces for refugee families at our Friendship Garden Playgroup.
- Members of St Andrew's continue to be involved in the Child Development Fund Mentorship programme.

- We were involved with the Peace Box Campaign, a city-wide charity event at Easter with the Hong Kong Church Network for the Poor, providing over 460 boxes for the underprivileged.
- Elderly home visits. We've formed teams to visit HKSKH elderly homes in To Kwa Wan.
- At Christmas, we hosted a lunch for our Home4U group and refugee families. Over 80 people came together to share the joy of Christmas.
- One of our Wednesday Ladies Growth Groups initiated a knitting programme. Over 100 sets of hats and scarves were distributed to the elderly.

SERVING

SERVING

Of course, we participated again in the HK Triathlon in October. 13 teams from St Andrew's competed, raising over HK\$260,000 for our Global Partners, elderly ministry, and CARE fund.

St Andrew's has been blessed with wonderful facilities that we want to use for the good of our broader community. Our facilities are frequently used by charities and NGOs from around HK. However, we have formed some significant agreements for facilities usage:

- A license was signed for the HKSKH Welfare Council to occupy half of the 3/F Christian Centre as an integrated service and training centre.

- The Christian Action Centre for Migrant Domestic Helpers now occupies our Old Amah Quarters for their legal, counseling, and educational ministries.

- Ebenezer School & Home for the Visually Impaired regularly use rooms in the Old Vicarage for their programmes.

- Our church was also used for significant bible ministries during the year: The Inspired Exhibit for 3 weeks before Easter, and the HK Bible Conference for 10 days in August.

We're so grateful for the many volunteers who generously give their time to serve our community.

Juliana Wong
Director of Community Relations

Rev. Darren Pollock
Associate Minister, Evangelism & Mission



Triathlon - October 2017

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We have introduced this year a fantastic age-appropriate curriculum called, "What's in the Bible?" The children ask each week, "Are we doing what's in the Bible today?". Feedback from the teachers has also been positive, "We love the changes because we get more time to connect with the children and they are more engaged".

Each Sunday we run two programmes; one at 9:30am and the second at 11:30am, averaging 255 children and 100+ volunteers supporting.

Wednesdays and Thursdays we run Friendship Garden Playgroup, reaching the community. Of the 155 families who attended during the year, most didn't attend church but have had the opportunity to hear the gospel during our Christmas and Easter lessons. Some joined our events like Easter service, Easter Walk around the Peak, and Bus Caroling.

Throughout the year we continued to invest into the lives of parents and volunteers by providing training, like our first ever 10-week Parenting Course to our Playgroup parents. We also facilitated the 'Screenagers' event with Dr. Delaney speaking about the effects of technology on children.



We loved teaching 100 children to know God and how to make him known during our fifth High 5 Performing Arts Day camp that culminated in a Performing Arts outreach to three large elderly care homes.

Arlene Moran joined the Children's ministry team as a part-time pastoral staff worker. Her teaching experience has been a blessing.

We give thanks to God for helping us implement change that has brought about new growth, for the new opportunities and wonderful support from volunteers, parents and staff.

If you have a heart to share the gospel with children, please consider joining us.

Carol Strydom
Children's Ministry Director

High 5 Performing Arts Day Camp

YOUTH MINISTRY

What great opportunities we have to share the gospel and build faith in the lives of our young people!

Whilst change has not been our motto this year, we've tried to tighten up certain things to better serve the young people of the church. We've

been in the long process of updating our registration and sign-in system and are still working on it. We want to ensure that our students are known, loved and safe each Sunday.

We serve anywhere between 45-70 students at our 9:30 service, and 15-20 students at our 11:30 service.

We have a wonderful team of dedicated leaders who serve every Sunday that we have Youth. This is because we value relationships with students, and think that a consistent presence is a valuable tool in achieving that. We could not run our Youth Ministry without them.

Over the Summer we were able to run a few events that allowed us to get to know students better with a mall scavenger hunt and a trip to the water park.

In September we welcomed 18 new students from KidZone and as new families move to St Andrew's more students join us throughout the year.

Ryan Rudolph
Youth Director



CREATIVE MINISTRY

Creative Ministry is an important part of the gospel work we do here at St Andrew's.

Genesis 1:27 tells us our God is creative because He made the whole universe and everything in it. He created us in His image with the capability to be creative and it is His desire that we too create.

We have been given the responsibility to share God's word with all nations, in all cultures, in all generations. This is why Creative Ministry is such an important part of what we do here at St Andrew's.

Our Creative Ministry encompasses many different mediums for us to share God's word including multimedia, graphics, design, music, singing, audio and visual.

THE TEAM

During 2017, our Creative Team consists of 1 Director, 1 Associate Director, 2 Sound Technicians, 1 Graphic Designer, 1 Communication Officer and over 100 volunteers. 80 volunteers serve in our music team whilst 30 or so others serve behind the scenes with our video presentations and multimedia projections. A big thank you to everyone involved in the Creative Ministry team, in particular June Lee our Associate Director.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Across the year St Andrew's held special event services for Easter and Christmas. These include a Good Friday Service, Carols By Candlelight Services and Christmas Eve Services. Our Life Centre Auditorium was at capacity for all events and hosted a large musical ensemble as well as the St Andrew's Choir.



Creative Team Night

CREATIVE TEAM NIGHTS

Team Night is a new training initiative that has begun for our Creative Team. Held four times per year, Creative Volunteers from St Andrew's Church, Youth, Mandarin Ministry, Shatin and Ambassador Church come together to be better equipped and trained for works of service.

Evan Brown
Director of Creative Ministries

MANDARIN MINISTRY

2017 has seen significant growth and marked with renewed and imaginative ministries in all areas.

Rev. Sok Han Yong with Christmas Choir, December 2017

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Includes Kidzone, Children's Choir and Fellowship. We ran a successful "Vacation Bible Study" and a "Christmas Story - Nativity & Music" event that attracted over 150 adults and children. A Mandarin Playgroup commenced in September.

Special services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Over 660 people attended the Christmas services including Carols by Candlelight.

DISCIPLESHIP

CE course, Alpha Course and Partnership Course has discipled devoted Christians. Five families joined the church through these. The goal was "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known."

FAMILY MINISTRY

Families were encouraged to journey together in their faith by starting "Family devotion". Alpha Parenting Course and Alpha Marriage Courses were used. Men's Group, Women's Group and Youth Group grow from strength to strength.





MISSION & EVANGELISM

Evangelism Training was held twice a year with twelve Street Evangelism events held with an average of 24 people involved monthly. A Mandarin Market-place Bible study group was formed. "Friendship Evangelism" through Mother's Day, Father's Day, Mid-Autumn Festival Celebrations and CNY Bring & Share Lunch with a gospel message. Two students from Cantonese Class accepted Christ and were baptised.

MANDARIN MINISTRY

PRAYER MINISTRY

We encourage prayers before and after Mandarin Church. The recruitment and training of intercessors is currently in progress.

LEADER'S TRAINING

A series of Leaders Training events for Growth Group leaders were held in July 2017 and January 2018. The on-going translation of Bible Studies materials for Growth Groups is also in progress. Two people are exploring their Christian vocation. Some have embarked on a missionary endeavor.

May I commend the Mandarin Ministry Working Group who has served tirelessly with enthusiasm. Special thanks go to Chrisherbe Tang the Pastoral Worker and Eileen Yim.

Lastly, I want to thank the clergy, the Trustees, Church Council and colleagues who have been very supportive of the Mandarin Ministry through prayers, friendship and partnership in the gospel. Most of all I thank God for His faithfulness and goodness in each of our lives. Indeed, what a privilege to witness that God is doing amazing work in you, and for that I want to say thank you for allowing me and Kim Kee to have that special place in your lives and hearts.

The Revd. Sok Han Yong
Associate Minister

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENTS

A church in the 21st Century needs to be supported by infrastructure of the 21st Century. Since the modernisation of the Administration and Support systems begun three years ago, I am happy to report that the church is now in a better position; ready for growth both in church membership and areas of ministry.

A majority of our operations have been digitised improving accuracy, efficiency and capacity.

We have merged and migrated our booking system to a single online system. Better planning can be achieved with the real-time information provided by the system.

The Reception at the G/F of the Life Centre was removed, freeing up space for the new coffee corner to be operated by the Nesbitt Centre. As a result, the Reception and the Hub operations on Sundays were also moved towards a “Mobile and Digital” format.

Further cost saving was achieved by renegotiating a number of agreements with different service providers.

For example the cost of the telephone lines and system was reduced by 25% with a target of 65% reduction in 3 years’ time. We are actively exploring the renegotiation of the service agreements for the CCTV and WIFI system.

A further streamlined property management process resulted in a reduction in caretaking and cleaning manpower over the past year.

All properties on the Church grounds are now maintained by a professional contractor providing timely maintenance and repair functions.

Michael Chan
Administration Manager



Original Reception of G/F, Life Centre

RESURRECTION CHURCH



2017 saw both consolidation and moving forward into a new season at Resurrection Church. The main focus was to lay a foundation for discipleship and mission. Attendance dropped in the first half of the year as families either left to new postings or to attend other churches. However, attendance has started to pick up again as new families join the church. We ended the year with attendances higher than the previous couple of years.

Our finances continue to be a challenge. In 2017, we encouraged members to give through automatic payments. This has resulted in a increase in giving although we still have a way to go to bring ourselves into a healthier financial situation. Also, at the end of 2017 I sent out a stewardship letter to all our church members presenting the 2018 budget and inviting people to give to support this budget. Again we had some positive responses to that letter.

THREE KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017:

- An 8am liturgical service started Sunday 19 March. Attendance is between 15-25 people each Sunday, mostly Filipinos. We have not fully “marketed” this service yet as we wanted to develop a core and stable congregation first.
- On 3 May, the church committee held a retreat and decided to develop two key areas – ministry to whole families and discipleship through small groups. We also agreed to explore the possibility of employing a Family Ministry Director. 2017 was spent developing these 2 areas.
- We had 11 people baptised and 9 people confirmed in 2017

Rev. Chris Ponniah
Minister of Resurrection Church



8am Liturgical service congregation members

SHATIN CHURCH

The book of Psalm starts out with the reminder that the blessed not only keep good company, but delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. The psalmist goes on: "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither..." It's a picture of a person whose joy does not depend on outward circumstances, but draws her strength from God.

Shatin Anglican Church learned to be blessed in this way in 2017. There were many sad and trying news this year. It was a tough year for our Youth and Children's workers, Rhys and Keturah Owens, as they watched their second son go through surgery after surgery. We were shocked at Andis Chan's sudden death. There were miscarriages, lost jobs, and a diagnosis of dementia too. Yet these trials made us dig deeper into God's word, to meditate on it day



Shatin Church Centre

and night. It made us look to the hope of the resurrection, comfort and pray for each other and grow closer as a church. As we went through these together, we often found God in our midst.

Along with the spiritual growth we experienced, 2017 was a momentous year in another way. Our permanent address, which had been a PO box for 27 years, changed to our newly purchased church centre. We're grateful for St. Andrew's Council's support for this. I'm sure 2018 will bring life's usual troubles. But God willing, we'll continue to dig deeper into God's word and produce fruit in season and leaf that does not wither.



Revd. Heèwoo Han and Mrs Mary Shum
Minister of Shatin Anglican Church

STAFF TEAM

Rev. Alex McCoy
Vicar

Rev. Ian Hadfield
Associate Minister

Rev. Sok Han Yong
Associate Minister

Rev. Alistair Gibbs
Associate Minister

Rev. Darren Pollock
Associate Minister

Mrs Juliana Wong
Director of Community Relations

Mrs Carol Strydom
Director of Children's Ministry

Mr Ryan Rudolph
Director of Youth Ministry

Mr Evan Brown
Director of Creative Ministry

Ms June Lee
Associate Director of
Creative Ministry

Mrs Diana Barnett
Pastoral Worker, (Discipleship)

Mrs Lisa Card
Pastoral Worker, (Discipleship)

Mr Charles Reid
Pastoral Worker, (Youth)

Ms Chrisherbe Tang
Pastoral Worker, (Chinese Ministry)

Ms Arlene Moran
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(Children's Ministry & Home4U)

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