

**ST. MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SILVERSTREAM**



**FIFTY FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
2016-2017**

**TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE**

**ON**

**WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2017  
AT 7.30 P.M.**

*Please bring this report with you to the Annual Meeting*

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## FOREWORD

The following pages describe the activities of the congregation at St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream as part of the body of Christ in Upper Hutt community we endeavour to share the good news of Jesus Christ with that community. It is a record of our activities over the last 12 months. This is something we have been doing for the last 51 years. While it is a record of what has happened during the year it is only a summary rarely capturing the living and breathing life that the daily interactions between us represent. It alludes to the laughter, the effort, the energy that our activities draw from us. It doesn't describe the activities of those who participate in messy church, or in the Sunday school pageant, or in the production of the youth group's movie, or in worship week by week.

I continue to consider myself privileged to be the Minister of the congregation at St Margaret's. We continue to be very busy but despite our busyness our underlying compassion and concern for others continues to be evident. That compassion and concern is not focused merely on people within St Margaret's. As a congregation we are active within the wider community. We have provided support to, for example, Rimutaka prison by donating books and there is the weekly support that we give in both goods and time to the Upper Hutt food bank.

And there are number who are involved in wider church activities at both Presbytery and at a national level. I acknowledge the work that Lynn Russell has with the church Beneficiary Fund committee and the involvement that Warren Potter has had with the Church Property Trustees and with the Beneficiary Fund. Margaret Donaldson has been involved, along with myself as part of the Ministry Settlement Board for St Ronan's in Eastbourne. There is also the work that Clive McGovern has done as our Elder representative at Presbytery Central.

The ongoing work of the congregation involves a number of people who quietly contribute to the life of the congregation. For some people this year has been particularly difficult yet they have continued to contribute significantly. In particular, thanks must again go to Hazel O'Brien for the energy and voluntary effort that she puts into the secretarial support for the congregation and to Marilyn Anderson as Session Clerk. Thanks also go to Malcolm Foster for taking the role as Acting Session Clerk providing cover while Marilyn cared for her husband, Colin. I acknowledge the work that Lance Hurly does as our Treasurer. It is a demanding role and we are fortunate to have someone with Lance's expertise. Thanks also to Carol McConnell, secretary to the Board of Managers and who ably manages bookings for the use of our buildings. And talking of our buildings thank you also to Clive McGovern who has co-ordinated the work associated with the seismic strengthening of the buildings. I again acknowledge the prayerful and generous support that I have been given by members of Session and by the Board of Managers.

Annual reports by their very nature look backwards. While it is good to record what we have done we also need to be actively thinking and praying about the future. Hopefully, this year will see resolution of our building work. That will then free us to actively review what we can do to grow.

Blessings to you all.

*Chris*



## SESSION REPORT

**Members:** Rev. Chris Rosanowski, Marilyn Anderson, Margaret Donaldson, Malcolm Foster, Shirley Graham, Jacqueline Kitchen, Pat Lerwill, Clive McGovern, Ruth Mackinder, Shirley Main, Sian Scannell, Kathy Smith, Kirstin Stern (re-appointed in April),

Session is pleased to present this report on its activities and the life and work of the parish over the last year.

It is now four years since we moved out from the church building. It has been another year of business as usual, and a lesson in patience. Chris has ably juggled the calls of a minister – visiting, worship services, serving the congregation and at the same time completing Bachelor of Theology. We congratulate him and thank him for his hard work.

After preparing for work on the church to begin in November 2016, it was disappointing to find that the builder could no longer proceed. The building project team has now received a further two quotes and is expecting to present a progress report to the congregation early in July. We are determinedly optimistic as we trust in our loving God. The real work of the church, as God's presence in the community, continues with joy and dedication.

During August 2016 Chris took leave of absence, and Rev Lynn Russell led us ably while he was away. We thank her for her help. It was good to have her leading our worship again. Chris also leads regular services at Manor Park, Heretaunga and Summerset Rest Homes. Many of our older members are resident at Summerset, and all welcome the services. Chris is ably helped by members of our congregation with music and communion. He has also run studies highlighting the value of Spiritual Disciplines, and Advent.

We are re-energised by our Sunday worship services, communion, shared morning tea, monthly lunch and youth activities - the foundations of our being church. The St. Margaret's Occasional Choir of 16 singers provides special music for Easter and Christmas, and we are grateful for the group of willing people, which includes our maestro, John Morrison, who plays the organ for services.

Throughout the year we have continued our fundraising efforts, both for St Margaret's and for other causes. The Annual Plant Sale and Fair in October, Winter Warmers Fair in May 2017. Our fundraising events are always an amazing team effort, led by talented and enthusiastic people. It's heart-warming to see so many people coming together to prepare for and run these events and to see the interest and support shown by the community. Session thanks everyone who has contributed to our fundraising efforts this year.

We have also been involved in the work of the wider church. Chris Rosanowski and Kate Murray attended the General Assembly of PCANZ in October 2016; Lynn Russell, Chris Rosanowski and Warren Potter have been on the Beneficiary Fund Committee, and Warren is a member of the Church Property Trustees. Sian Scannell and Jo Rothbaum helped organise Connect with Presbyterian Youth Ministry and were on the planning committee for Easter Camp 2017. Kate Murray was selected to represent New Zealand at the World Presbyterian Youth Forum in Germany. We are very proud of her achievement. St. Margaret's contributed towards her plane fare. Included in this were contributions from members, and proceeds from the Sunday School/Youth disco.

During the year we've also supported a number of local and international causes including: the Upper Hutt Foodbank (by collecting grocery items each week and helping with supermarket collections); the Prison Fellowship (by providing home baking and money for morning teas for the children attending holiday camps); Christian World Service appeals for Haiti, Kaikoura and the Christmas Appeal. We've knitted woollen jerseys for needy children in New Zealand, knitted and sewn for the Special Care Baby Unit at Hutt Hospital, made cushions for patients who have had heart surgery, made twiddlemuffs for dementia patients, and collected new toys and Christmas baking for families who attend Family Works. Goods left over from our fundraising efforts have also gone to charities such as the Prison Fellowship and Te Omanga Hospice. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way.

In spite of working under some difficulty in reduced space, we have nevertheless continued to provide opportunities for families from the Silverstream community to join us for Messy Church, Christmas carols, Play Group and Girls' Brigade, and the Friendship Group. In following the way of Jesus, we endeavour to support each other and members of the community in times of difficulty. The same team effort is also evident in the Sunday School and Youth Group leadership, the numerous other groups that meet for fun and fellowship throughout the year, and the many quiet acts of kindness and caring that the people of St Margaret's do so well. Thank you to everyone who organised groups and activities, attended meetings, took part in study groups, provided meals, hosted Sunday lunches for those living alone, provided transport to church and all sorts of other places, visited those unable to attend church and prayed for those who were going through difficult times.

Session membership has remained largely unchanged this year, but Marilyn Anderson, our hardworking Session Clerk, has taken leave of absence to care full time for her husband, Colin. They are both in our

prayers. Marilyn did such an amazing job that it has fallen to three of us to try to fill the position. Malcolm Foster is Acting Session Clerk, Margaret Donaldson writes the minutes and Pat Lerwill types them. It has become very obvious that Marilyn quietly and competently performed miracles. Kirstin Stern was welcomed back from the ranks of elders emeriti. Members continue to represent St Margaret's at meetings of the Wellington Forum of Presbytery Central, Presbytery 'Gatherings' and training workshops provided through the Presbyterian Church to keep churches up to date with changes in legislation and new requirement for reporting information on our activities.

As the new year began, we reviewed St Margaret's Health and Safety protocols to ensure our compliance with new Health and Safety legislation. We thank the team who worked on this. You will notice added signage, first aid equipment and accident reporting forms. We thank the Heretaunga Rotary for helping fund a defibrillator.

To quote Marilyn last year, "Now, as we enter another year, we can hope that the much-awaited building work is getting closer. We have managed without the church building for three (now four) years by working together, making do and remaining tolerant and cheerful. We've discovered new things on our journey over that time – some we like and some we don't – and we've dreamed of the day when we can once again worship in the church. It certainly feels as though God has '*pulled the tent pegs up*' and '*disturbed our comfort*'. The challenge we now face is to resist the temptation of '*longing for the old days*' and find ways to grow and learn from the journey we have been on. What started as an unwelcome upheaval has evolved into an opportunity for us to think beyond the old and familiar and look for ways to ensure that St Margaret's remains a focus of Christian love and service in the Silverstream community for many years to come". A message even more relevant now.

Each year we are required to report the number of volunteer hours that are worked by the people of St Margaret's. Our conservative estimate is that there is approximately 100 volunteer hours contributed each week to pastoral care (covering 150 households representing 360 people), youth work, administrative work, and a variety of other tasks. This report is dedicated to everyone who has contributed their time and energy to St Margaret's Church over the past year.

Finally, I am sure everyone would wish to join Session in thanking Rev. Chris Rosanowski for his ministry and leadership over the past year.

Pat Lerwill for Session

### BAPTISMS

Billie Thomas Betteridge	13 November 2016
Annie May McCulloch	8 January 2017
Hazel Alice McCulloch	8 January 2017
Tom Harris Aspinall McCulloch	8 January 2017

### FUNERALS

David Earl Lewis	8 July 2016	Akatarawa Cemetery
Yvonne McCallum	29 July 2016	
Josef Talacek	30 March 2017	
John Joseph Frederikson	8 April 2017	
Norma Jean Talacek	25 May 2017	
Audrey Ellen Eyles Esler	30 June 2017	Cornwall Manor, Lower Hutt

Note: Funerals were held at St Margaret's unless otherwise stated.



## ST. MARGARET'S FAMILY TEAM

Below are reports from each of our family activity groups:

### SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP - Rosenda Upton

**Teaching Team:** At St Margaret's we have been blessed with some fabulous teachers. While we have lost 2 teachers this term (Kate Broome and Rochelle Shatford), we still have a pool of 11 teachers. These ladies are Sheryn Jacques, Nicki Morrell, Melissa Potter, Kathy Smith, Ainsley Andrews, Trina Barr, Sandi Rothwell, Lelanie Konstand-d'Alebout, Delena West, Debbie Chote and Rosenda Upton.

Each week 2 teacher's are rostered on to teach. Kathy and Ainsley are also available for our preschool - year 1 children. However we have not needed to break away into a separate group for this for quite some time as low numbers have not required us to do so. If we do have younger children we include them in our Sunday School lesson, often getting a container of toys to keep them entertained towards the end of the session.

**Lessons:** Once the children have had time in church they come through to Sunday School. We celebrate birthdays and say the Lords Prayer. During one session the children suggested we jazz up the Lords Prayer. They broke away into groups and came up with a rap. They really enjoy starting with this each week. The teachers' rostered on then deliver their lesson. At the beginning of the year we surveyed the children and asked them what they liked/disliked about Sunday School. We have taken on board their suggestions and limit worksheets (this was disliked). We also aim to have more 'crafty' and 'foodie' activities as this is very popular amongst our children!

**Activities:** On Saturday 6 May St. Margaret's held 2 disco's. Sunday School ran a Wacky Hair disco from 5.30-7.00 p.m. and Youth Group ran a disco after. The Sunday School disco saw just over 60 children through the door. We ran a cafe, sold glow products and had an entry fee. Both disco's combined raised \$930. It was decided that half this money raised go towards Kate Murray's journey to Germany and the other half towards the church rebuild. The disco was a great success and it was wonderful to see children from our wider community come together and have some fun! The children would love to have a movie night and we are hoping to book this in soon.

**Moving forward:** Our teachers believe we need to take some serious action to keep young families and their children at St. Margaret's. It is a growing concern that our numbers are continuing to drop. Other churches have employed family and youth workers who proactively engage with their community; this in turn creates more interest in the church and has seen Sunday attendance increase. Unfortunately without a proactive move like this we believe that the number of young families, who are the future of our congregation, will continue to decline.

### OUR YOUTH: Sian Scannell, Jo Rothbaum and Kate Murray - Youth Group leaders

Youth group remains a small but perfectly formed group of mainly girls this year. Around AGM time 2016 the Youth Group entered the annual Central PYM Film Fest which was hosted in Palmerston North. Kate Murray our newest youth leader took the reigns for the 2016 entry and created a music video that accompanied a well known song (to the kids) "My Lighthouse" - the movie depicted a youth group take on being involved with Easter Camp that year. Congratulations to Kate who had the rights to use the music and make a really fun video. We had great plans to get mucking in last year to help the community and raise some funds for Easter Camp. This was well received by one young family in Moera with a whole garden cleaned up and transformed in an afternoon (thanks to help from Sandi too). Further plans were hatched to do more but the weather had other plans. Fortunately for the few jobs we did do we were able to subsidize \$35 off the cost of Easter Camp for all this year's attendees. Christmas was a washout and storms prevented us Carol singing again this year; watch out this year.... The year ended on a high point with a poignant 'chair game' which was ably assisted by parents this year; it pays to keep the kids on their toes; they know Sian and Jo's cars too well now. We celebrated Christmas dinner with a black tie dinner at McDonalds in which we were joined by Chris Rosanowski in a smashing bow tie and suit ensemble.

Our new year's weather wasn't so wonderful either, however we all looked forward to a repeat of Easter camp this year. Jo was camp (not) nurse - felt more like camp mother, and we had a wonderful speaker who spoke so well to the kids and got the message through, not only about spiritual matters, but the matter of growing up too. 6 kids attended; this year being George's first camp. He did us all proud by standing up at the end and thanking everyone for the best weekend ever. Term two was a quieter one with a focus back on the Liturgy (Term one and two we have followed the liturgy 'seasons').

Jo and Sian attended PYMs Health and Safety series "Warrant of Fitness" which has been rolled out nationwide by Gordon Fitch from PYM. This is to bring all youth leaders up to date with the current changes in Health and Safety legislation that came into effect in April 2016. This was a highly entertaining and informative weekend and has been followed up with a few timely RAMS (risk assessment management sheet) sent to session for approval pre-activities (mostly). Increasing pressure is now on youth and children's programmes to be safe and this includes a biennial police check of all youth and children's leaders by PYM. As this is being penned we are coming up with new ideas for the annual film fest and Kate who has returned from Germany having represented the youth voice in the Presbyterian Church is back on deck, this year organising the film fest with a bit of help from Knox, Lower Hutt to provide the venue. Let's see how we do this year.

### **PLAY GROUP - Pat Lerwill - Co-ordinator**

Play Group was first begun about 25 years ago, with a few years' recess before moving to its present form approximately 20 years ago. It continues to offer Thursday sessions during term time for pre-school children and their carers. It is an important part of our church's outreach into the community, and our community responds with enthusiasm! There is a lot of fun with songs, rhymes, stories, dancing and play, with children and adults making new friends in the process. For the last few years we have had a number of people from different ethnicities including Chinese, Japanese, Cambodian, Dutch, Maori, Samoan. They have added to our play group experience. Despite parking difficulties compounded by commuters' cars, our numbers continue with an average of about 22 little children and their carers. As well as the wide range of toys available, in summer, children can use the sandpit, and in winter, play dough. Many Play Group families also come to Messy Church and fundraising events.

We could not continue without our quality helpers - Ainsley Andrews, Heather-Lee Foster, Jacqueline Kitchen, Chris Scotton and drop-in grandfathers, Malcolm Foster and Chris Rosanowski. My heartfelt thanks to them all.

### **MESSY CHURCH - Delena West**

The last year has seen Messy Church continue to provide great entertainment with a message for the families in our Community. Things have changed in this year, with our numbers starting to lessen over time. This could be due to a number of factors, including that those who started attending seven years ago, have grown past the Messy Church stage and we don't have the same links into kindys and daycares that we have had in the past.

Those that are attending are still enjoying what is provided and we will look as a team at what we can do to change things up, or what we can provide that will appeal to possible new comers.

As always we have been blessed with a great group of generous and enthusiastic helpers, organisers and cooks without whom we couldn't put on such a great night. Thank you to all those who get stuck in to make messy church happen.

### **EMBARKED - Sian Scannell**

Embarked began as an opportunity for the Sunday School teachers to get together to be spiritually and knowledgeably fed as they often miss Sunday Services while out with the kids. The group has developed with the needs of those attending.

We continued working through a programme we managed to borrow from PYM which covered a variety of topics from a basic understanding of God to 'why go to church?' The series came with faith journals so there was more creativity to the discussion. We then moved onto a DVD series 'The Big Ask' which features Phillip Yancy, Lee Strobel and Rob Bell. It gave us an overview and basis for discussion about a range of topics that interested the group. We continue to grow as a group as we pray for each other and St Margaret's concerns.

### **PAUSE - Jo Rothbaum & Sian Scannell**

Pause has been a little quieter this year with our Christmas gathering put off until January. A few hardy souls attended; the ones not on holiday, and we had a fun night pot luck dinner. Pause is looking for a new convenor as the job has fallen to Jo and Sian who already have a handful of responsibilities with youth and session. Pause is really a great springboard for mums (of any age children and grandchildren) to connect over conversation, food and friendship. Our last outing was breakfast which was well attended at the Bakery Stop. Please let Pat Lerwill or Sian know if this outreach calls to you. It involves just one meeting a term and keeps many of the mums that don't get to make it to church, in the loop of things happening at St Margaret's.

## **25<sup>TH</sup> HUTT VALLEY GIRLS' BRIGADE COMPANY - Chaneen Bruckner-Iraia, Team Leader**

Highlights of the last 12 months for the 25<sup>th</sup> Hutt Valley Girls' Brigade Company include:

- Sharon McTaggart in the last stages of her Queens Award- a two year project working on various initiative tasks, company and volunteer service as well as completing an assessment weekend.
- Sharon McTaggart receiving her Brigaders Brooch.
- Emma Murray being elected as the Areas Youth Representative.
- Emma Murray and Sharon McTaggart completing Pioneers and both becoming young leaders and helping out with the various aged groups.
- Some of the senior girls attending an Area Camp- a zoo sleepover.
- Juniors created some items to sell as a little fundraiser for World Vision.
- Company wide fundraiser of selling pies. The girls and leaders selling enough pies to fundraise over \$200 for the company.

The Company has a total membership of 20; 6 Juniors (5-8 years), 10 Seniors (9-12 years) and 4 Pioneers (13 years and above).

With a company continually growing we have had parents and members of St Margaret's Church volunteering to take badge work and we really appreciate all the support we have been receiving from them. Our leadership team includes-Delwyn Frederikson, Chaneen Bruckner-Iraia, Emma Taylor, Ainsley Andrews, Gillian Goodman, Sharon McTaggart and Emma Murray; Company Chaplain- Chris Rosanowski; Treasurer- Sylvia Bruckner.

The company is very appreciative of the support given by St Margaret's Church and especially that of Chris Rosanowski who attends Girls Brigade on a regular basis whether it is for a visit, badge work or devotions.

### **FAMILY TEAM**

The Family Team, consisting of representatives from Sunday School, Play Group, Girls' Brigade, Youth Group, Messy Church and Session, meets once a term. It has oversight of all young peoples' programmes. It is always exciting to hear the great work that is being done with our young people.

## **SHARED LUNCH**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month a group of about 20+ people stay after the morning service to share a potluck lunch together. With little consultation beforehand, the food is always a surprise and always delicious. The food varies from month to month - sometimes there will be plenty of first course, and other times the dessert lovers have a wide variety of choice. No matter what, the food is enjoyed with plenty of good conversation and a lot of laughter. Even if people do not bring something to share, there is always plenty. Some come regularly and others come when they are able. It's not an exclusive group, so why not stay and enjoy the fellowship and food with a friendly group of people of all ages.

## **AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP**

We are a small group and it is nice that everyone contributes. During the year our speakers included Loretta Hastie who spoke about her trip overseas; Chris Rosanowski about his cruise experience; a nephew of Jean Slyfield's spoke of his work in the field of search and rescue; and Shirley Main spoke about Japan. Thank you to Jacqueline Kitchen who provides lovely sandwiches for afternoon tea each month.

Riek Kleinjan  
Convenor

## **EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

The Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Our group is open to all ladies in the congregation.

Speakers over the past twelve months have been varied and interesting and have included: Moira Ross shared her experience of teaching in international schools; Nicki Nixon from 'Family Works'; Alison McLeod-Jones spoke of her career in Parliament as a Hansard reporter. Andrew Coleman spoke of his work with the Historic



Places Trust and three of our group shared something of their earlier years. So often we hear about a person's life after they have died and wish we could have shared their life's history earlier. We plan to have more evenings along this line; a 'Beetles' + Coffee & Dessert evening which was very popular and enjoyable. Sadly we lost one of our very regular members - Norma Talacek who we will miss greatly. Norma shared a number of times her overseas trips with Josef; these were both informative and humorous which only Norma could do.

Thank you to all the committee members; Adrienne Chandler who ably looks after our finances, Joyce Castle, Pam Hurly, Jacqueline Kitchen, Shirley Main, Shirley Graham and Anne Pemberton. Towards the end of the year Lois Rowe joined the Committee and is already proving to be a huge asset with new ideas.

Thank you also to those who support the Evening Fellowship and turn up regardless of the weather. Without your presence the evenings could not be as enjoyable as they always are.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Only one meeting was held in the past year, on 29 July 2016. A team from the Upper Hutt Fire Brigade covered Safety in the Home. The Catering Group provided an excellent meal.

Due to a deterioration in my health I would like to step down from organizing the Men's Fellowship meetings.

Michael O'Brien

## **CATERING GROUP**

This has been a much quieter year with only one Men's Fellowship occasion to cater for. As we continue to cope with the hall situation, requests for catering, especially for funerals, has been reduced. Thank you to Jacqueline Kitchen, Pam Hurly and Shirley Graham who make up the team.

Hazel O'Brien - For the Catering Group

## **CARING GROUP**

This year we have been able to help a number of people who have not been well with meals. Also a big thank you to the Girls' Brigade who made soup which was very much appreciated by the people who received it. This is a lovely gesture by these girls.

Anne Pemberton

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

The Prayer Chain continues to pray for those in need on a regular basis once a week, or where necessary, a special prayer chain is put down. The Chain is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than members. If you would like the Chain to pray for you or your friend/family needs, please contact us. Requests do not need to be confined to members of St. Margaret's. Names do not have to be shared, but if possible ask the person concerned for their permission.

Hazel O'Brien & Riek Kleinjan

## **FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

From February to the beginning of December, on a Monday morning in St. Margaret's lounge, a group of people meet from 10am to 12 noon. It is a friendly group – some are church members and others from the wider community.

Our numbers this year have varied from 12 to 20. We start with morning tea and a chat, then play Rummikub – an easy game to learn. Our year finishes beginning of December with some games of Rummikub followed by Christmas luncheon in the lounge.

We cater for any age. During the school holidays we sometimes have a grandchild or two join us, and two of our regular members are over 90. Join us on a Monday morning – we are always happy to see new faces.

Contacts - Thelma O'Connell, Shirley Main, Ruth Mackinder

## CARDMAKING & SCRAPBOOKING GROUP

This small Group has been meeting at St. Margaret's for several years, firstly for scrapbooking photos into decorated, albums. We now include card making for those who are interested in making their own cards. We meet the last Sunday of the month 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m. Cost is \$2.50, which we pass on to the Church. If any other craft people would like to join us for a quiet, undisturbed afternoon working on their current project they would be most welcome to join in with us.

Pam Hurly - Organiser.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

The Church has an active group of members who take care of the Health & Safety of the church and surroundings.

They are: Chris Rosanowski, Sian Scannell, Clive McGovern, Martin Barr, Marilyn Anderson, Lorna Moir, Lance Hurly.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Chris Rosanowski	
<b>Chairman</b>	Lance Hurly	
<b>Secretary</b>	Carol McConnell	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lance Hurly	
<b>Committee</b>	Peter Stern	Scott Taylor-Hall
	Martin Barr	David Coleman
	Lin Coleman	Chris Scotton
	Lorna Moir	Ally Murray
	Lois Rowe	
	Norma Talacek (died 22 May 2017)	

**Norma and Josef Talacek:** Norma was a devoted and key member of the Board from March 1998. She was always ready to question why things should or shouldn't be done, rather than just accepting the situation and she therefore kept Managers on their toes. Josef, whilst not a member of the Board, took responsibility for completing and banking the Sunday offerings for over 10 years. They both suffered deteriorating health from 2016 and sadly Josef passed away on 28 March 2017, with Norma following just under 8 weeks later on 22 May 2017.

**Plant Sale:** Takings on the day were \$2,981.70 with \$132.50 added subsequently to give a total of \$3,114.20. This is before deducting \$1,819.88 for the cost of plants, the remainder of which were available for sale at the Mini Fair. Thanks to Lorna Moir for all her preliminary work, to Helen Bassett for taking over at very short notice and for all those who helped with carrying, sorting, selling etc. and cleaning up afterwards.

**Mini Fair:** No-one knew what to expect for a "mini" fair again this year. A rather rainy day for this event which was, once again, wonderfully supported by members of the congregation and public (*who are always there early*). \$9,946.50 was taken on the day with \$187.00 added the next day. \$407.00 was received in November

increasing the total to \$10,540.50 before expenses of \$217.00. This was a tremendous achievement. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. Special thanks to Melissa Potter who co-ordinated the Fair for her drive and enthusiasm.

**Winter Warmers:** Held in May 2017, this made \$3,440.90 from the sale of a selection of winter clothes, children's toys and games and books, also soups and bread rolls were made to "eat in" or take away". Thank you to Jacqueline Kitchen for all her work for this event too.

**Use of Hall/Lounge:** The facilities continue to be well utilised by numerous church and community groups and also private functions. Fortunately these activities have been able to continue uninterrupted at this stage.

**Maintenance Register:** This continues to be used to identify tasks that need doing and these have generally been actioned promptly.

**Drainage Project:** The major maintenance project for the year involved the re-routing of storm water from the hall and lounge into a new soak pit that was opened under the front lawn. This work was undertaken as a result of an approach from Wellington Water to help alleviate the flow of excess water into the neighbouring property behind the hall. The total cost was \$5,444.00 before GST.

**Hall Roster:** Many thanks to those who organise and are on the roster for setting up the hall for services on Sundays.

**Giving:** The congregation approved the Budget for the year to 30 June 2017 at \$82,000 for Envelopes, Bank APs, Cash Offerings and Donations. The actual amount given was \$73,695 which was considerably short of the Budget and the \$78,219 contributed in 2016.

**Recycling:** We continue to do our bit for the environment. Clean plastics, and paper and cardboard bins are used in the kitchen. A dedicated wheelie bin was being misused by the public so the recyclables are now taken home by members of the congregation and put out with their own recyclables.

**Grounds:** Thanks to Helen Bassett and Jean Rothwell, who have spent a considerable amount of time keeping our gardens tidy.

**Health and Safety:** New legislation took effect on 4 April 2016. St Margaret's has taken its obligations seriously and introduced a number of initiatives in this regard which have been overseen by a specially formed Health and Safety Committee.

**Defibrillator:** Thanks to a generous grant from The Rotary Club of Heretaunga, we have a defibrillator installed in the foyer.

**Personal:** There are so many people who work away quietly that there is a risk that we may miss someone if we name individuals. Please accept our thanks and appreciation to all who help on the various rosters, lawns, cleaning, flowers, morning teas and newsletters etc.

To Jacqueline Kitchen our envelope secretary and Kathy Smith who keeps our hall complex in top notch condition, thank you.

Finally the Board of Managers wishes to acknowledge the work of Lance Hurly for his leadership as Chairperson and Treasurer and to doing the many jobs around the church and grounds.

Carol McConnell  
Secretary

**L & R Snell Trust** - Lorna Snell was a loved member of St Margaret's for many years. She passed away in August 2013, leaving a substantial estate in a trust which has been the subject of a number of legal issues that are expected to be finally resolved soon. The basic terms of the Trust are that the Trustees will determine a level of distribution each year from the income which will be made available to a St Margaret's person(s) who is studying to be a teacher, or an existing teacher(s) doing post graduate study. If no qualifying candidate(s) is identified, then 10% of the agreed distribution each year is to be paid to St Margaret's and the remaining 90% to Presbyterian Support Central, both amounts to be used as seem appropriate by the respective beneficiaries. A formal Scholarship Application Form is currently being drawn up and it is hoped that the first candidate(s) will be able to be considered for the 2018 academic year. Lance Hurly is the Trustee representing St Margaret's.

## **ST. MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SILVERSTREAM**

Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the congregation held in the church lounge on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

**Opening:** The meeting commenced with devotions led by the Moderator, Rev Chris Rosanowski. This was followed by some brief reminiscences from the first AGM of the Parish of St Margaret's Silverstream which came into being in August 1966, having previously been part of the Parish of Heretaunga. At that meeting in August 1967 the Moderator was Rev Charles Naylor and there were 31 members and adherents in attendance. Topics discussed included investigating heating the church by tubular heater or other means. The budgeted expenditure for the coming year was \$5,924 and it was agreed that the organist, John Morrison, would be paid an honorarium – the magnificent sum of \$31.50 for the year.

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 44 members whose names are listed at the end of these minutes.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from: Martin Barr, Don Cameron, Adrienne Chandler, Alan Chapman, Robin Fenwick, Shayne Parkes, Joan Forrest, Heather-Lee Foster, Loretta Hastie, Shirley Humphrey, Carol McConnell, Lynley McInnarney, Gavin Malcolmson, John Morrison, Lynne O'Brien, Thelma O'Connell, Margaret Parker, Morris Parker, Lois Rowe, Jean Slyfield and Willem Strydom.

**Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:** Chris Rosanowski moved, seconded by Lance Hurly: *"That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2015, the minutes of the congregational meeting held on 5 July 2015 and the minutes of the congregational meeting held on 29 November 2015 as provided on pages 11 to 14 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be taken as read and confirmed."*

**AGREED**

**Session Report and Family Team Report:** Chris Rosanowski moved, seconded by Marilyn Anderson: *"That the Session Report and the Family Team Report as provided on pages 4 to 7 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be taken as read and confirmed."*

**AGREED**

Chris acknowledged the contribution of the five organists to worship at St Margaret's, and in particular the continuing contribution of John Morrison over so many years.

**Reports of Church Organisations:** Norma Talacek moved, seconded by Alison Murray: *"That the reports of the church organisations as presented on pages 8 & 9 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be received."*

**AGREED**

Chris Rosanowski acknowledged all the work that is done day by day and commented that two pages in the annual report really doesn't do it justice. Thanks was expressed to Helen Bassett for many years of Pilates classes at St Margaret's.

**Board of Managers Report:** Lance Hurly moved, seconded by Kathy Smith: *"That the report of the Board of Managers as provided on pages 10 & 11 of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report be received"*.

**AGREED**

Lance acknowledged the work done by Carol McConnell both as secretary and in managing the hire of the buildings. Chris thanked the board for all their work, much of which occurs behind the scenes and can go unnoticed.

**Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016:** Lance Hurly moved, seconded by Alison Murray: *"That the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 be received."*

**AGREED**

The Treasurer, Lance Hurly, reviewed the statement of financial performance, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. Lance pointed out that while total income was \$10,000 above the budgeted income and total giving showed a significant increase, this was the result of some substantial one-off donations and not achieved through any increase in regular giving.

Lance noted that expenses for earthquake redevelopment work had been \$40,795.75 to date, spread over two years.

**Budget for 2016/17:** Lance Hurly presented the budget for 2016/17. In doing so he pointed out that the first \$20,000 from fundraising activities would go to general funds, as had occurred in previous years.

Lance Hurly moved, seconded by Alison Murray *"That the 2016/17 budget as proposed be adopted."*

**AGREED**

Chris thanked Lance for his work as Treasurer.

**Election of members of the Board of Managers:** Marilyn Anderson moved, seconded by Anne Pemberton: *“That the following people be appointed to the Board of Managers for the 2016/17 year: Martin Barr, Lin Coleman, David Coleman, Lance Hurly, Carol McConnell, Lorna Moir, Alison Murray, Lois Rowe, Chris Scotton, Peter Stern, Norma Talacek, Scott Taylor-Hall;*

and: *“That the Board of Managers be given the power to co-opt additional members during the year.”*

**AGREED**

**Appointment of a Reviewer:** Lance Hurly moved, seconded by Margaret Opray: *“That Gavin Malcolmson be appointed as Reviewer”.*

**AGREED**

The congregation’s gratitude for Gavin’s work was noted, with a letter of appreciation to be sent to Gavin.

**Building Project Review:** Chris reported that a start date for the building work was yet to be confirmed and some details were still being finalised.

Consideration was being given to access issues once work started and whether a pathway would be needed in order to access the lounge and hall without using the current driveway. Consideration was also being given to whether the lawn should be turned into a carpark to overcome current week-day parking difficulties and provide parking for funerals etc. However, concern was raised about safety if children were on site while cars were manoeuvring in and out of parking spaces. No final decision had been made on this matter.

General Business:

- **Christian Religious Education at Pinehaven School:** Lance moved, seconded by Kathy Smith: *“That the Parish continue its support, up to a maximum of \$1,000, for the calendar year 2017 programme at Pinehaven School.”*

**AGREED**

A letter is to be sent to the programme coordinator advising of this decision.

- **Food Bank:** Lance Hurly, on behalf of the Food Bank, thanked the congregation for the support given by St Margaret’s through weekly donations of food items and cash and help with supermarket appeals.
- **Parish website:** It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Martin Rothbaum for hosting and maintaining the website.
- **Photographs and time capsule:** It was suggested by Pat Christianson that an up-to-date photo of the church should be taken before building work starts. Chris agreed to do this. It was further suggested that a time capsule be put down at the time of the building work. Contents could include copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> annual reports and some orders of service. Other ideas would be needed. Alison Murray agreed to coordinate preparation of the time capsule.

On behalf of the congregation, Marilyn Anderson thanked Chris Rosanowski for his ministry at St Margaret’s during the year.

The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace at 9.05 pm.

#### **ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Ron Allan	Shirley Graham	Hazel O’Brien
Colin Anderson	Lance Hurly	Michael O’Brien
Marilyn Anderson	Pam Hurly	Margaret Opray
Ainsley Andrews	Jacqueline Kitchen	Anne Pemberton
Helen Bassett	Riek Kleinjan	Lyn Ritchie
Joyce Castle	Pat Lerwill	Peter Ritchie
Barry Chandler	Ruth Mackinder	Chris Rosanowski
Nola Chapman	Shirley Main	David Ross
Pat Christianson	Gail Malcolmson	Priscilla Ross
Trevor English	Lorna Moir	Jean Rothwell
Stephen Fletcher	Alison Murray	Lynn Russell
Malcolm Foster	Ian McCallum	Chris Scotton
Lorna Gandy	Clive McGovern	Kathy Smith
Len Garnham	Jeanette McGovern	Norma Talacek
Les Graham	Alison McLeod-Jones	