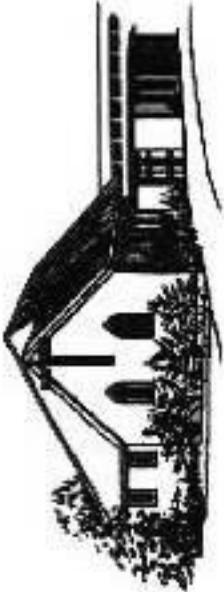


ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

When I was young, a tree was simply a tree,
but as I grew, I learned that the tree
was made up of separate parts
and that each part had a name:
leaf, bud, twig, branch, trunk, root.

Yet I grew some more, and found
the tree could be divided further
into cellular structure and function.
I learned names like xylem and phloem,
cambium layer and photosynthesis,
and in the fascination of discovery
I lost sight of the simple tree.

Still I grew, and with the gift of age
came a return to simple vision.
The parts of tree came together
to form a oneness with the earth,
a oneness with me, and I saw
that we were all gloriously alive
with the light of our Creator.

And you know something?
I think this is the journey
that Jesus was talking about
when he said we must become as children
to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Come & See"
Joy Cowley
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Greetings

We all know that language changes over time. Sometimes it's the way that we pronounce words. I distinctly recall my grandmother pronouncing the plural of woman as "we-men" and I don't think she was an ardent feminist at all. Words also change their meaning and a very obvious example of that is the word "gay". The expansion of the Internet (and that's a new word) has accelerated changes in language. There are new words, there are abbreviated words and words change their meaning. So I was intrigued to listen to a programme on Radio New Zealand – should I say RNZ – about the word of the year, it's actually a phrase that the Australian McQuarrie Dictionary had selected for 2017. They selected the expression "milkshake duck". Like me you've probably never heard the expression but I suspect that its choice is somewhat tongue in cheek.

"Milkshake duck" is an [internet slang](#) term referring to a representation of a viral internet star who is briefly adored by the public prior to the discovery of their distasteful or offensive past. The expression first appeared as a tweet in June 2016. It was subsequently picked up and repeated by a variety of other Internet users. Essentially it's describing the way in which someone can go from hero to villain on social media.

This idea of hero to villain is being played out through the #metoo campaign. Predominantly that campaign involves women actors accusing male directors, producers and/or actors of sexual offences including rape, harassment, or inappropriate touching or language. The hashtag (there, another new word) is to help demonstrate the widespread prevalence of [sexual assault](#) and [harassment](#), especially in the workplace. The campaign is a challenge to the traditional power demonstrated by people of both genders, who hold positions which can determine someone's livelihood or career. It is an opportunity for those who consider they have been wronged to seek justice.

But here is the rub. There is a risk that those who have gained the ability to speak up do so by themselves abusing their newly acquired power. That risk is intensified by the lack of justice there is in the whole exercise. There is absolutely no way at all that I condone the behaviour that is complained of, but at the same time there is seems to be an injustice in the "milkshake duck" social media approach to justice.

There is a similarity to the events that occurred 2000 years ago when following an heroic entry into Jerusalem Jesus was then falsely convicted and then murdered. However, unlike any of today's villains, Jesus rose from the dead – a hero.



Chris

Personal Notes

- Chris will be away visiting his daughter in Hong Kong between 12 and 22 February. Urgent pastoral matters should be raised with Rev. Lynn Russell.
- Congratulations to Hazel and Michael O'Brien on the birth of great granddaughter Aria Rose, daughter of Holly and Jake.
- Our thoughts and prayers for Barry Chandler, Adrienne and family as they deal with his heart condition.

Lectionary

4 Feb. Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

11 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

18 Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

25 Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

4 Mar. Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Email addresses for special notices: From time to time St. Margaret's communicates with as many people as possible on our roll to let them know of some special news. The temporary closure of the church buildings is an example where we were able to let as many people know as possible in the short time we had available. If you are already receiving the newsletter via email, you are able to be contacted, but if you wish to be on a separate list where you will only be contacted occasionally, please let Hazel O'Brien know your email address. hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz It does save a lot of phone calls!

Pinehaven School Our outreach programme financially supporting the religious education at Pinehaven School will continue this current year 2018.

As there was some discussion at the Congregational Meeting held on the 23 August 2017 regarding the conditions surrounding our continued financial support of this outreach programme for children, further information was requested and a report process put in place to ensure our members are better informed prior to agreeing to provide financial support to this programme.

Additionally, Kate Turner, the team leader of the Christian Religious Education Team has advised that a request has been made of St. Mary's Vestry Members seeking possible shared funding of the CRE Teams Programme at Pinehaven School. An annual report will be submitted prior to this year's Congregational Meeting in August 2018.

This past year the teaching team comprised of 12 members, of different bible believing churches, who taught 120 children in 5 classes, from years 3 to 6, using the Life Choices Curriculum which is specifically written for New Zealand students and a copy has been presented to Session and considered appropriate in developing Christian values and ethics. The CRE Programme requires parents to confirm their child opts either in or out of the religious education.

Should you feel a calling to assist with this valuable Christian religious education, Kate informs me that one of their team is unavailable this year.

Malcolm Foster
Acting Session Clerk



Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's FEBRUARY 2018

PLAY GROUP

Play Group begins Thursday 8 February. All pre-schoolers and their carers are most welcome from 10.30am - 11.30am during term time. Includes singing, rhymes, dancing, and play. A great time to get to know other families. Gold coin donation. Any inquiries - contact Pat 938 0374. We are unable to use the church buildings for a week or two while the foyer is being strengthened. However we will still meet at the gate and make alternative arrangements.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will restart on Sunday 4 February. We look forward to seeing everyone!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will start again on **Friday 9th February. 7.30pm - 9pm.** Everyone most welcome. Please note the day and time change.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Girls' Brigade will resume on Tuesday 13 February at 5.45pm. We are starting the year off with a fun night, no uniform required! All girls welcome, five years and up.

Venues will be advised ASAP!

CONTACTS

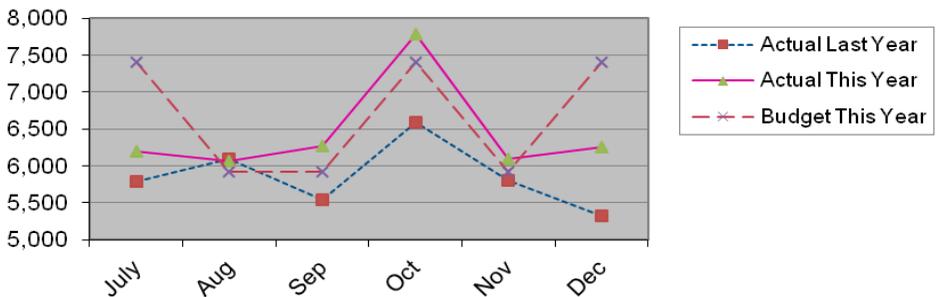
Sunday School, Rosenda – 5289851 **Pause Group**, Jo - 021616376
Playgroup, Pat – 9380374 **Messy Church**, Delena - 9776338
Youth Group, Sian - 0273631315 and Jo - 021616376
Girls Brigade, Delwyn – 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990

Report From The Board Of Managers

Giving Analysis By Months 6 months July - Dec. 2017

Month	No. of Sundays	Actual Last Year	No. of Sundays	Actual This Year	Budget This Year	Surplus(Deficit) This Year
July	4	5,788.60	5	6,192.50	7,404.00	(1,211.50)
Aug	5	6,089.10	4	6,071.71	5,923.00	148.71
Sep	4	5,538.50	4	6,271.60	5,923.00	348.60
Oct	5	6,584.30	5	7,792.20	7,404.00	388.20
Nov	4	5,802.70	4	6,087.90	5,923.00	164.90
Dec	5	5,324.70	5	6,252.30	7,404.00	(1,151.70)
	27	35,127.90	27	38,668.21	39,981.00	(1,312.79)

Budget Giving for 12 months to 30 June 2018 \$77,000 as approved by the congregation at the AGM and does not include any contributions toward the Earthquake Redevelopment Fund.



Earthquake Redevelopment Fund: Donations In November amounted to \$200.00 and a further \$895.00 was received in December. These increased the balance of the Fund to \$69,330.74 at 31 December 2017.

Contract Payments: By 31 December 2017, payments to Davma Construction Ltd and Sawrey Consulting Engineers for Earthquake strengthening work totalled \$109,584.18 (excluding GST). These were financed from the \$436,973.97 Capital Fund created when the former Manse was sold in December 2014. This reduced the Fund balance to \$327,389.79 at 31 December 2017.

Lounge Roof: The roofing contractor has finally inspected the flat Butynol roof and advised that major restoration work is required. Davma Construction have also had a look at the problem and ideas for overlaying the roof with a continuation of the sloping line from the hall is being looked at with a view to minimizing issues in the future. Longbeach Drafting have also been consulted for advice on this matter.

Fundraising: Additional monies received in November and December took the combined total from the Plant Sale and Fair to \$15,183.57.

Thanks from the Upper Hutt Foodbank: The Foodbank was in a position to meet record demand thanks to the generosity of people like members of St Margaret's. The 147 Parcels issued in the December 2017 month served 456 Customers, an increase of 10.7% over 2016. In the 2017 calendar year, a total of 1,403 Parcels were covering 4,295 people (1,804 adults and 2,491 children), 14.6% up on a year earlier.

Rosters:

Morning Tea

18 Feb. Pam Hurly/Riek Kleinjan
25 Hazel O'Brien/Lynne O'Brien
4 Mar. Clive & Jeanette McGovern

Setting Up the Hall

18 Feb. Rosenda & Chris Upton
25 Alfred Enslin/Matt Radley
4 Mar. Warren & Melissa Potter

Data Projector

4 Feb. David Ross
11 Scott Taylor-Hall
18 David Lottering
25 Blair McInnarney
4 Mar. Trevor English

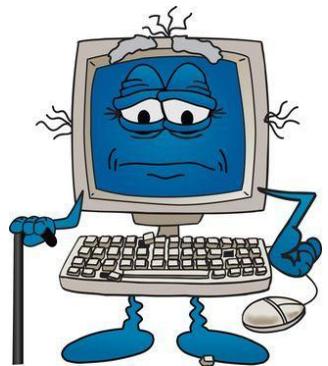
Lawn Mowing

3 Feb. Ben Ryan
17 Martin Barr
3 Mar. Warren Potter



what's on

- **Sorry, there will be no shared lunch** on second Sunday in February.
- **Calling all who are interested** in making the Craft Bonanza a success. Lorna Moir is calling a meeting on Tuesday 13 February at the home of Jacqueline & Lynn's, 2 Fendalton Crescent to discuss how we can make this a good weekend and raise money for our church. The Board of Managers have promised some money to help you with your projects, all Lorna needs is receipts. We could discuss changing the name of the Craft Bonanza so get your thinking caps on.
- **Afternoon Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday 7 February, 1.30 p.m. *at the home of Lynn Russell & Jacqueline Kitchen*, 2 Fendalton Crescent. Please note change of venue.
- **Evening Fellowship.** Wednesday, 14 February. With the buildings temporarily closed it has been suggested that some might like to go to the cinema that night. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Ann Pemberton 567.2471.
- **Scrapbooking & Card-making Group.** 1st meeting for 2018 is on **Sunday 18 February** in the church lounge, from 12 noon to 3.00 p.m. approximately. Cost for the afternoon is \$2.50 pp. An opportunity to try something new or to continue with your 'work in progress'. New members and visitors most welcome. BYO lunch if coming for a 12 noon start, otherwise turn up when you can. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.
- **Free Computer Recycling** Now is the time to clear out that old Computer/cellphone that has been replaced or not used for a long time. Once again St. Margaret's, in co-operation with our recycling partner, IT Recycle Ltd., is holding a collection of old computers and cellphones for recycling on Saturday February 24. Since we have no storage options at the Church during the church strengthening now going on, we will be holding the collection on **February 24 from 8am to 3pm** outside the Church, Dunn Street, Silverstream. If you have any questions please call David at 971-6024.



*Sunday School
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Marianne & Jo



Building

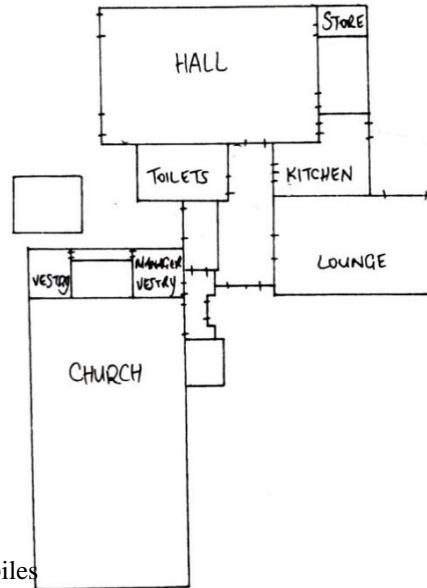
As many will know we are currently unable to use our buildings. To provide an idea of what is involved the following is a summary of the work that is under way.

Toilets and Hall Foyer

- Install a disability toilet
- Make all existing toilets unisex
- Move the main switchboard
- Install a fire wall
- Install a new ramp and handrail

Hall

- Strengthen walls with cross bracing
- Strengthen piles and cross brace



Lounge

- No work required

Church

- Remove inner brick wall
- Remove entire back wall and replace
- Install six horizontal piles
- Install steel beams resting on the piles
- Replace the roof

Work that is or is almost complete as at mid January 2018:

- All the work on the Hall
- Moving and installing a new switchboard
- A new ramp is in the Hall foyer
- The interior layer of bricks in the Church have been removed.
- Four of the six piles and steel beams are in place

We are very grateful to St Patrick's College for the use of their Chapel while the strengthening work in the Hall and Foyer is completed.



**First Sunday in our temporary home at
St. Patrick's College Chapel
Before the service started**



February 2018

Minister: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530
Acting Session Clerk: Malcolm Foster 563.7436
Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>
Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462

Family Team: Contact the Minister
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Morn. Worship Sunday School St. Pat's	5	6	7 Aftn.Fellowship changed venue Session	8 Play Group venue advised	9	10
11 Morn. Worship St. Pat's	12	13 Girls'Brigade venue advised	14 Evening Fell. cinema outing	15 Play Group venue advised	16	17
18 Morn. Worship St. Pat's?	19 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	20 Girls'Brigade venue?	21 Bd. Managers	22 Play Group venue ?	23	24
25 Morn. Worship	26	27 Girls'Brigade	28			

Please note - venue for various groups will depend on progress of the building programme