

ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

*may we be the best seed there is to sow
may we sow our talents
and our skills
may we sow grace
and forgiveness
may we sow our dreams
and our longing
may we sow sunrises
and broken bread
may we sow stories
and adventures
may we sow the whole of our faith
and the first moments of belief
may we sow meeting places
and moment of prayer
may we sow baskets of fish
and loaves for everyone
may we sow pearls of great price
and mustard seeds too
may we sow patience
and generosity
may we sow the future
and all our tomorrows
may we sow for the long term
and live in that promise*

*and when the thistles creep in
may we still sow.*

[https://danny61.wordpress.com/tag/
mucky-paws](https://danny61.wordpress.com/tag/mucky-paws)



Greetings,

I enjoy reading a good story. Now I regard a good story is one that has a clear ending. It may end with a twist in the tail and the story of that nature is often better than one where the reader is able to correctly guess what would happen. Then there is the other form of story which ends without any real conclusion. You are left guessing as what happens at the end. Short stories are particularly like this. You finish the story wanting to read on to find out what happens next. And if it is a short story you are reading then you will have read all there is. But sometimes, having reached the end and wanting to read on you find that the author has written a sequel.

Our election result for 2017 was a story in itself. What began as a seemingly predictable tale had one and then two and then three leaders depart the scene. There were the usual arguments, claims and protestations over who was right and whose figures made sense. Hundreds of millions of dollars were promised, challenged, offered to induce us to choose one particular flavour of politician over another. And some of us made our minds up very early and having done so we didn't wait until Election Day. Others, like me waited until Election Day to exercise our democratic right to vote. I'm not sure whether it is an indication of our naiveté or our maturity as a democratic nation that in some of the advanced voting stations, the booth supervisor took the sealed voting box home for safe keeping. While there were some eyebrows raised there was no public outcry as there would need to be in some other supposedly democratic countries where ballot boxes are regularly tampered with.

In the past I have gone to polling booths and been almost the only person there. Not so this year. Shock and horror – I had to queue to get my ballot papers. While we as Kiwis have a reputation for being poor at standing in queues, there was something different when you are standing in queues involving some 40 other people all waiting to vote..

And the result? Well arguably up until this point it had been a reasonably interesting story. But the end is not clear cut. The final chapter is yet to be written. So far none of the story's heroes or heroines wound up winning.

Now if this was a story that I was reading, finding that the last chapter is yet to be written may well provoke me to put the book away and not finish it. For this story that is to deny reality. We have a mixed member proportional system of electing our government, so our election story has a sequel but one that it will be difficult to readily read. Consequently as Christians we can but pray that whoever the leaders of this country are they will act in the interests of fairness and justice and with compassion for all.



Personal Notes

- Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell or who are recovering from surgery. In the latter group is Pat Rainey recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Similarly our thoughts and prayers for Marilyn and Colin Anderson and for Caitlin McInnarney as they deal with illness.
- Thank you to those who have joined the Tuesday morning walking group... We meet 8.30 am at the Church – except it seems when it is raining – where were you all?
- Thank you to Lynne O’Brien for her work to help with our season of creation Sunday for Land. Thank you also to all those who contributed goods for the Foodbank and for those within the congregation who are “shut-in”. Random acts of kindness can be so rewarding! I have had several expressions of gratitude from recipients.

Scripture Challenge

I wonder how you going. If you’re on track then in October you will begin reading the Gospel of John. John’s gospel is the same but different to the other three. All four Gospels contain stories of miraculous healing and of a miraculous feeding; the gathering of the disciples and Jesus teaching to them; descriptions of the conflicts that Jesus has with the religious leaders in his day; and the story of Jesus’ trial and crucifixion. As you will have noticed each gospel tells the story in its own way. While there are differences each gospel deals with the same work of interpreting the story of Jesus for the life of the faith community.

Central to John’s Gospel is the incarnation. Jesus, the word made flesh is God who has come among us. None of the other Gospels place the same emphasis on the unique and unprecedented access to God given by Jesus because Jesus shares in God’s character and identity. It is as the “word made flesh” that Jesus brings God fully to the world. Jesus just doesn’t speak God’s word and do God’s works; rather, he does those things because he is God’s word and work in the world. All that Jesus does and says makes God known in the world. And John’s Gospel from its first to last verses bears witness to the gift that God gives the world in the incarnate Jesus.

In common with the other Gospels it is difficult to tell who the author was. You will find references to an eyewitness whose testimony forms the basis of the gospel story (see chapter 19:35 and 21:24 and also 21:20). It is this disciple who is pointed to as the authority for the traditions that are told in John. Matthew described the conflicts between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders of his day by using the term “scribes and Pharisees”. John uses a far more generic term “Jews” which makes it more difficult to identify the precise shape of the conflict.

The impact of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE meant the loss of the Temple as a place of worship. Associated with this was the loss by the Sadducees of their Temple based power. Scripture and its interpretation became far more the domain of the Pharisees (rabbis). Presuming that this forms part of the underlying purpose for the gospel then dates of 75 – 80 CE would be the earliest that the gospel of John would have been written. Those dates would be contemporaneous with the writing of Matthew and Luke.¹

Reformation

The 31 October will mark 500 years since Martin Luther presented his 95 Theses a list of questions and ideas for debate. Popular legend has it that he nailed the document to the church door in Wittenberg Castle, Germany. The document or rather its contents provoked a reaction that led to the creation of the protesting church – The Protestants through a series of events which collectively are known as The Reformation. We will celebrate this at the end of October.

Prayer Workshop

I am planning a workshop on Prayer to explore further conversations with God. If you are interested can you please let Chris know. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday evening 10 October in the Lounge.

Lectionary:

- 1 Oct.** Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32
- 8 Oct.** Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- 15 Oct.** Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- 22 Oct.** Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- 29 Oct.** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
- 5 Nov.** Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7,33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

¹ Gail R. O' day, *The New Interpreters Study Bible*, (Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 2003), 1905 – 6.

WHAT'S ON?

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 4 October, 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Mrs. Viv Ball from Presbyterian Support will be speaking. All are very welcome.
- **Evening Fellowship** welcomes all women to their meeting on Wednesday 11 October, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. Mrs. Kate Kemp, from St. Margaret's congregation will speak about the work of Citizens Advice Bureau. Now is your chance to find out just how helpful this organization can be.
- **December Christmas Dinner** - The Evening Fellowship invite all women to join them for a Christmas meal, 6.00 p.m. Wednesday 13 December - Te Marua Golf Club. Cost \$30.00 pre-paid no later than Sunday 3 December to Joyce Castle, Jacqueline Kitchen or Hazel O'Brien. Car pooling will be arranged.



PLANT SALE

**Saturday 14 October
9.00 - 12.00 noon**

**Tomatoes and lots of flowering
plants, along with various vegetable
& herbs**

**Lorna Moir (0221978310)
is looking for volunteer helpers both
for the delivery day (13 Oct. - time to
be advised) and also on the
Saturday
If you can help please contact Lorna
either by phone or text**

ST MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

welcomes you to our

CHURCH FAIR

28 OCTOBER 2017, 10AM - 1PM

DUNNS STREET, SILVERSTREAM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

Books (Child & Adult), Toys & Games, Jewellery, Clothing & Manchester, Furniture, Steptoe (no electrical goods please)

TO DROP OFF GOODS:

Deliver to St Margaret's Church, Dunns Street, Silverstream
10am-12pm; Wed 11 October, Fri 13 October, Wed 18 October, Fri 20 October
Or daytime; 24-27 October

FOR COLLECTION OF GOODS:

Contact Melissa 027 526 8470 (small loads) or
Paul 0274 494 060 (furniture and trailer loads)

ANNUAL TOMATO &
PLANT SALE
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER
9AM - 12PM

Sausage
Sizzle

Drinks

Toys &
Games

Clothing

Fabulous
Morning Tea

Facepainting

Cakes &
Sweets

Books &
Magazines

Lucky Dip

And much,
much more!

St Margaret's Church Fair

Sat 28 October 2017
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

This year will have the following stalls:

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| Plants | Rosenda Upton |
| Cakes | Jacqueline Kitchen |
| Sweets | Shirley Main/Adrienne Chandler |
| Steptoe | Stuart Turner |
| Books | Lorna Moir |
| Ginger Beer | Margaret Donaldson |
| Sausage Sizzle | Richard Donaldson |
| Clothes/Manchester | Melissa Potter |
| Toys | Heather-Lee Foster |
| Children's Lucky Dip | Sian Scannell |
| Morning Tea | Carol McConnell/Karen Coleman |
| Face Painting | Jo Rothbaum |
| Raffle | Shirley Main |
| Crafts | Lyn Ritchie |
| Deli | Joy Windelev |

RECEIVING AND SORTING DONATED GOODS

The Church will be open the following dates and times to receive donated goods:

- 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon on Wed 11 October, Fri 13 October, Wed 18 October, Fri 20 October;
- Daytime 24-27 October

Clive McGovern is in charge of receiving goods again this year but needs assistance. If you are available to help Clive any of the above times (or any other time) please let Clive or Melissa know.

COUNTDOWN TO THE BIG DAY – Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October.

Set up will begin on Monday 23 October (Labour Day) with the clothing rail and trestle tables being put up in the Hall.

From Tuesday to Friday helpers will be needed each day to sort clothes, linen and toys. We are short of helpers this year so if you can make it please come and help.

ON THE DAY – SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

Outdoor setup will begin at **7:30 a.m.** with the erection of tents, followed by setting up tables and stalls. Lots of helpers are required at this stage to get everything ready for a 10am kick off.

If you can't make it along to help in the morning, your help is still needed in the afternoon. Clean up starts at 1.00 p.m. and lots of help is needed to load trailers and tidy up. By this time of the day those that have been at the Fair all day are often very tired and in need of a rest.

Remember, the success of the Fair depends on everyone doing their bit, however small it may seem. The old adage “many hands make light work” really does apply here.

Here are some of the many ways you may be able to help:

- ***Let Melissa know if you are able to help on a stall.*** There are always stalls needing more help.
- ***Bring some small change to put in the donation box*** that will be put out at morning tea each Sunday. The money collected will be used to buy baking ingredients and other things needed in advance of the Fair.
- ***Donate a Christmas themed raffle item.*** A box will be put outside the lounge to collect donations or contact Melissa or Shirley if you would like to talk to someone about a donation.
- ***Donate a Lucky Dip item.*** A box will be put outside the lounge to collect small toys etc. for the Children's Lucky Dip. Or, if you prefer to give a cash donation please let Melissa know.
- ***Church Fair Café*** - would like baking of slices, cakes (not cut). Scones for Devonshire Teas. Gluten free and diabetic baking is always asked for. Delivered to church the Friday before Fair or in the morning. I can also pick up - Carol McConnell 0272210609. If anyone is able to help on the day please ring Carol.

Mark Saturday 28 October in your diary and keep it free so you can join in the fun!

If you have any questions, suggestions or offers of assistance please contact Melissa Potter (528 5556).

Rosters

Morning Tea

| | |
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| 1 Oct. | Lynn Russell/Lynley McInnarney |
| 8 | Lynne O'Brien/Hazel O'Brien |
| 15 | Margaret Donaldson/Margaret Opray |
| 22 | Ruth Mackinder/Chris Scotton |
| 29 | Alison, Kate & Emma Murray |
| 5 Nov. | Lorna Moir/Lois Rowe |

Setting up the Church

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| 1 Oct. | Sue & Phil Taylor |
| 8 | Rosenda & Chris Upton |
| 15 | Alfred Enslin/Matt Radley |
| 22 | Dave & Lin Coleman |
| 29 | Set up after Fair |
| 6 Nov. | Lea & Stewart Turner |

Data Projector

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| 1 Oct. | Blair McInnarney |
| 8 | David Lottering |
| 15 | Hazel O'Brien |
| 22 | Trevor English |
| 29 | David Ross |
| 5 Nov. | Lynley McInnarney |

Lawns

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| 7 Oct. | Vern Bennett |
| 21 | Matt Reid |
| 4 Nov. | Richard Harrison |

He tohu to hanga atawai no tei ngakau pai

Kia ora koe mo to takoha

Greetings Rev Chris Rosanowski

The women from Upper Prison Arohata express their sincere gratitude to you. You have brought joy and the promise of many hours of wonderment, entertainment and knowledge.

We are humbled and gratified by your compassion. A kindly nature bespeaks a good heart. Thank you for your kind donation, and we are sincerely sorry it has taken so long to express our thanks.

Nau mai haerenai

Mauriora.

Arohanui

Ko Arohata Wahine tenei

This letter was sent from the women at Arohata Prison after a number of books were given to them after the Winter Warmers Fair.



Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's OCTOBER 2017

PLAY GROUP - Last session before the holidays is Thursday 28 September. Playgroup will resume on Thursday 19 October.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Term 3 has whizzed by so quickly!! We are finishing our term once again with Silly Sunday on the 24th. Our children love Silly Sunday as it's a session with games, fun activities and of course a yummy morning tea!

Here are some photos from our session last week. After the children had completed some painting with Lelanie they then joined in this web activity with Sheryn. This involved throwing a ball of wool to a friend stating what they could say if they saw someone on their own in



the playground. We ended up with this amazing web at the end symbolising the benefits of working together and caring for one another. Great to see and hear our children caring for children in their school community too!

Term 4 will start on Sunday 22 October. Traditionally our term 4 focus is working towards the pageant. Thanks again to all our fantastic teachers and children. Have a wonderful break and see you all back for an exciting term 4!

YOUTH GROUP - Youth group had been working on our film Fest entry through August and on September 15 we hosted the PYM film Fest event at Knox Church in Lower Hutt. Kate took on the task of organising the event and our youth group girls took roles as hosts for the night. Jo, Sian and Kate took

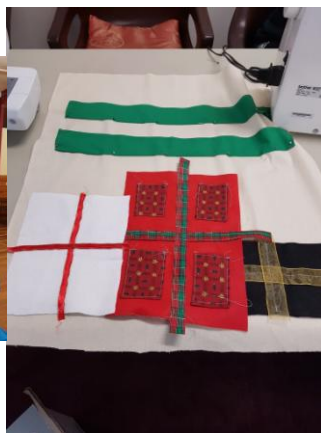
on kitchen duty as there were around a 100 young people for supper. Kate did a fabulous job and handled the night with professionalism and calm!!

Our groups' film which is written, starred in and produced by the group (you have to be under 25 to be a director, writer or producer) featured a quick look at our antics over a sleepover weekend. The film was called "Great Expectations" and showed what youth groups should do, then what we really do. There is a delightful short excerpt of the girls dancing which they choreographed themselves in short time. We came away with two prizes for best real story and best choreography. The event was won by Knox. Next term we are working on some changes with youth group in line with the discussions about church growth.



GIRLS' BRIGADE - Last night for Term 3 is Tuesday 26 September. First night back for Term 4 on Tuesday 17 October. Reminder there is no GB on Tuesday 24 October due to the Church Fair.

The girls have spent the last few weeks doing some fun activities. The Pioneers have been stitching up a storm making Advent Calendars, the Seniors have made 'slime' and the Juniors have made Cheese Rolls for the Café for the Church Fair.



CONTACTS

Sunday School, Rosenda – 5289851

Pause Group - Jo - 021616376

Playgroup, Pat – 9380374

Messy Church - Delena - 9776338

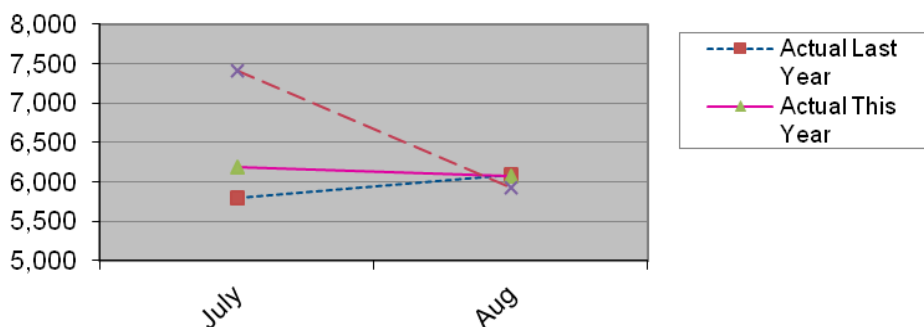
Youth Group, Sian - 0273631315 and Jo - 021616376

Girls Brigade, Delwyn – 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990

Report From The Board Of Managers
Giving Analysis By Months 2 months July - August 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 |
| | 9 | 11,877.70 | 9 | 12,264.21 | 13,327.00 | (1,062.79) |

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.



Budget Year Ending 30 June 2018 - At the AGM, the congregation approved a significant amendment to the Budget that had been presented with the Annual Report. A new item of expenditure was added, \$20,000 for Family Worker Remuneration. No change was made to Income so the Budget Operating Deficit for the year increases from \$(54,000) to \$(74,000). The Total Deficit including \$430,000 for EQ Compliance Redevelopment increases from \$(484,000) to \$(504,000).

Earthquake Redevelopment Fund - A donation of \$10,000 was received from Philip Talacek in memory of his mother Norma and father Josef who both passed away earlier this year. Philip did not direct how this was to be applied, but the Board has decided to credit it to the Earthquake Redevelopment Fund. This increased the balance of the Fund to \$67,870.74 at 31 August 2017.

Oak Tree - This has now been professionally trimmed, along with a couple of other trees around the property.

Working Bee - This received limited support but a number of tasks were able to be completed.

Lounge Roof - An Insurance claim has been lodged and contact made with the roofing contractor who applied the Butynol membrane some years ago, but there is nothing further to report at this stage.

We now have a walking group which leaves the church at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome. We have walked for a three Tuesday's so far and those that have joined us have thoroughly enjoyed the friendship, chat and of course the fresh air. The walk is approximately an hour long around Silverstream



People who received flowers and food from the Spring Festival have expressed heart-felt thanks to the members of the congregation who brought them.

With the change-over by a number of internet servers, numerous people have had to change their email address. If you normally receive the newsletter by email and your email address has changed, or is changing, please let Hazel O'Brien hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz know so that we can keep our records up to date.

If you have changed your physical address, also let Hazel know, or if you know of someone who normally receives the newsletter by 'snail mail' and no longer lives at the address, also let us know.



October 2017

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Communion | 2 Friendship Ctr EC Dancing | 3 | 4 Aftn.Fellowship Session | 5 Wgt.Watchers Badminton | 6 60's Up | 7 |
| 8 Morn.Worship Shared lunch | 9 Friendship Ctr EC Dancing | 10 Prayer workshop | 11 Evng.Fellowship | 12 Wgt.Watchers Badminton | 13 | 14 PLANT SALE |
| 15 Morn.Worship | 16 Friendship Ctr EC Dancing | 17 Girls' Brigade | 18 Bd. Managers | 19 Play Group Wgt.Watchers Badminton | 20 60's Up | 21 |
| 22 Morn.Worship Sunday School resumes | 23 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> | 24 No Girls' Brigade | 25 | 26 Wgt.Watchers | 27 | 28 CHURCH FAIR |
| 29 Morn.Worship | 30 Friendship Ctr EC Dancing | 31 Girls' Brigade | | | | |