



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

**NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 2018**



## **Fences**

It is a strange truth in my life, that I spend more time looking at fences than at wide open spaces.

If there's some barrier on the perimeter you can be sure that I'll be there, fussing and fretting about restrictions and ignoring all the territory which has been given to me.

It's as well I've got a God who has a great sense of humour because I'm a very slow learner, wasting energy on the impossible and neglecting what is mine.

You'd think I would know by now that God's rules for creation are very simple.

If a fence is insurmountable, it's there because I need it.

The fence itself will never disappear but when I have sufficiently grown, I'll be able to step right over it and it will be no barrier at all.

Aotearoa Psalms

Joy Cowley

Pleroma Christian Supplies, Otane. Hawkes Bay.

## Greetings

At some stage you must have been asked a question for which the answer had something to do with the length of a piece of string. I must say I feel a little bit like that when it comes to questions about when we will return and again begin using the church building.

“When do you expect to be back and worshipping in the church?” That is my “piece of string” question. I am now really reluctant to offer a firm date especially as I have guessed wrongly a number of times already. My current answer is, “Soon.”

But that doesn’t mean we can’t plan ahead to some of the activities we would like to do when we return and , perhaps even more importantly what we do after we return. I know that I will resume my regular weekly mid week time being available “at the Church. But there are other things for which the buildings can be available. While I have some ideas I am very interested in any ideas that you might have. Please let me know.

There is still some work that needs to be done – finishing work - painting, tidying, laying flooring, sorting out seating, heating and installing an audio-visual system that is an enhancement on our existing system. Not all of that will be in place when we reach the end of the string that is when we go back into the church. Incidentally, the pipe organ is, as I write, lying all over the church floor as it is cleaned and checked. That will be completed before we return.

So, when will we be back? Not entirely sure – soon! But, hey won’t it be great not having to stack everything away at the end of worship, when we do go back!

## Blessings



Chris

## Personal Notes ....

- Congratulations to Sian Scannell on the occasion of her graduation with a Bachelor of Theology from Otago University. Well done Sian!
- Congratulations also to our new great grandparents:
  - Len Garnham with the arrival of twins, one of each; and to
  - Pat and Barry Lerwill with the safe, albeit early, birth of a wee great grandson
- Everyone is doing well although I do hear that Len is continuing his celebratory training for another great grandchild due very soon.
- Welcome home to many of our travellers. Pat Christianson's big adventure to Africa didn't end so well with a spell in Hutt Hospital but she is recovering well.
- And of others with spells in hospital – Willem Strydom has undergone surgery for his knee (at last!) and is doing well.

## Lectionary:

2 Sept. Song Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

9 Sept. Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10,14-17

Mark 7:24-37

16 Sept. Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

23 Sept. Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37

30 Sept. Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

7 Oct. Job 1:1,2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

## SESSION NOTES

Our church building creeps towards its finishing date with a few details still to be tidied up.

On 22 August a meeting of Session, Managers and the research groups presented their findings on flooring, heating, seating, lighting, audio system and organ. Their recommendations will be presented at a special congregational meeting after church in September – date to be confirmed.

Session was delighted that the recent congregational meeting approved the appointment of Delena West as an elder. Her ordination date is yet to be decided.

### *Help, please:*

1. before any flooring can be laid on the floors of the hall foyer, there is a bit of painting to be done, as well as a few other handy-person jobs elsewhere. If you can help, please contact me and I will pass your name on to the relevant organisers.
2. Be part of planning a special historic event – our service of thanks for our return to the church. Praise God. Let your ideas run rampant – we need them and your help. Give your name to Chris or me.

Pat Lerwill (Acting Session Clerk) ph. 938 0374



**5 September 7.30 p.m.  
in the church lounge**

**Please bring your report with you**

### **Annual General Meeting - Notice of Motion**

This is notice of a motion, from the Session and Board of Managers, in regard to expenditure on finishing work following strengthening of the church buildings. The motion will be put to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge.

The motion is:

*That the congregation agrees to the expenditure of:*

*(a) Up to \$35,000 for an audio-visual system in the church*

*(b) Up to \$25,000 for seating for the church*

*(c) Up to \$17,500 for floor coverings in the church building and hall foyer.*



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

### GIRLS' BRIGADE

We have had a great start to Term 3. Pioneers have finished making soup (there is still some left in the freezer, delicious Leek and Potato!), and are now onto discussing Women in the Bible. Seniors have started looking at some different religions and they enjoyed dressing up in Delwyn's abaya's and hijabs (headscarf). Juniors made some yummy shortbread and are now budding artists doing painting with Sharon.



**Many thanks** to Rosenda Upton for so ably leading the Sunday School team. She is a joy to see in action, and has helped mould an awesome group of teachers. Nicky Morrell has volunteered to take a turn leading them with Sheryn Jacques organising the rosters and material. We all really appreciate all you do for the children.

### CONTACTS

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

**Rosters:****Morning Tea**

2 Sept. Lynn Russell/Lynley McInnarney  
 9 Lynne O'Brien/Hazel O'Brien  
 16 Margaret Donaldson/Margaret Opray  
 23 Ruth Mackinder/Chris Scotton  
 30 Alison/Kate & Emma Murray  
 7 Oct. Lorna Moir/Lois Rowe

**Setting up the Hall**

2 Sept. Lea & Stewart Turner  
 9 Ruth & Arthur Mackinder  
 16 West family  
 23 McInnarney family  
 30 Sue & Phil Taylor  
 7 Oct. Brian & Sharna Adams

**Data Projector**

2 Sept. Trevor English  
 9 Lynley McInnarney  
 16 David Lottering  
 23 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 30 Hazel O'Brien  
 7 Oct. Alfred Enslin

**Lawns**

1 Sept. Ben Ryan  
 15 Martin Barr  
 29 Warren Potter  
 13 Oct. Phil Taylor

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS****Giving Analysis for month of July 2018**

Giving for July 2018 totalled \$5,996.60 (5 Sundays) compared with \$6,192.50 in July 2017 (also 5 Sundays). The Budget for the new financial year to 30 June 2019 has not yet been approved by the congregation, so no chart or graph is presented this month.

**Earthquake Redevelopment Fund** - A donation of \$100.00 to the Fund this month increased the balance to \$79,594.49 at 31 July 2018.

**Bible Society Retiring Offerings** - The retiring offerings in July amounted \$85.00 and a further \$70.00 was contributed in August, making the total paid to the Bible Society \$155.00.

**Lounge Roof** - Four roofing contractors have been invited to look at the problem, and we are awaiting their replies before considering how we respond to Moore Design & Draughting Ltd.

**New Trestle Tables** - The stock of new lightweight tables with resin tops has been increased to 10. A reminder to please familiarize yourself with the locking mechanism and ensure that it is properly secured before use.

# Annual Fair

## Saturday 27 October 2018

### 10am – 1pm

This year's fair will be a great opportunity to invite the community to St Margaret's for a "full scale" fair utilising all of our buildings, after several years of making do with reduced space.

To make it a real celebration we need *your* enthusiasm and commitment to do whatever you can – large or small – to contribute to the fair. Perhaps you can't carry boxes or work on a stall or serve morning tea, but that doesn't mean you can't contribute in other ways. We will need items for raffles and lucky dips, donations of sugar and butter for the bakers and sweet makers, and of course we will need all those treasures you no longer have a use for and would like to recycle. Think about what you could do to help, and watch the weekly notices for more details.

Stalls and activities

A big thank you to those who have agreed to take the lead in organizing the following stalls and activities:

Cakes	Jacqueline Kitchen
Sweets	Shirley Main/Adrienne Chandler
Deli	?
Baskets and Gifts	Lyn Ritchie
Handcraft	?
China and ornaments	Marilyn Anderson
Plants	Rosenda Upton
Stephoe	Stuart Turner
Books	Lorna Moir / Pat Rainey
Clothing	Melissa Potter
Manchester	?
Toys	Heather-Lee Foster
Raffle	Shirley Main
Children's Lucky Dip	?
Face Painting	Jo Rothbaum
Morning Tea	Carol McConnell/Karen Coleman
Drinks	Margaret Donaldson
Sausage sizzle	Richard Donaldson



**Are there other stalls or activities you could suggest or help to organize? It's always good to have something new on offer, so please put your thinking caps on.**

**If you are able to help on a stall, please talk to one of the convenors or contact Diane to find out where your help is most needed.**

Help needed!

The fair is less than two months away and at this point lots of helpers still need to be found. If you can help in any of the following areas, we would love to hear from you!

- Receiving and sorting donated items in the lead-up to the fair
- Collecting donated items, borrowed tables etc (drivers, trailers and lifters needed)
- Setting up early on the day of the fair (7.30 a.m. start)
- Clearing up at the end of the fair

Here are some other ways in which you may be able to 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 raffle item. Talk to Shirley Main for more information about what is needed.
- Donate a Luck Dip item. A box will be put outside the lounge to collect small toys etc for the Children' Lucky Dip or, if you prefer, you can give a cash donation.

**If you have any questions, suggestions or offers of assistance please contact:  
Diane Pratt 021 159 6032 or 970 5158**

**(If Diane is unavailable, phone Marilyn Anderson on 527 8601)**

**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!**

**Mark Saturday 27 October in your diary and keep it free so you can join in the fun!**





# what's on

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 5 September, 1.30 p.m. in the lounge. All ladies are very welcome.
- **Evening Fellowship** - At our August meeting Kate Murray came to talk to us about her trip to Germany and the conference she attended. Thanks Kate. Our next meeting will be held 7.30 p.m. in the lounge on Wednesday 12 September and we are looking forward hearing about Alison McLeod-Jones recent visit to the Chelsea flower show.
- **Scrapbooking & Card-making group - Sunday 23 October** commencing at 12 noon until 3.00 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Cost for the afternoon is just \$2.50. We work on our photo albums and making cards. Visitors are very welcome to drop in and see what we do. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 5285461.
- Karen Coleman is going with a group on a charity trip climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. The fundraising is for So They Can; a charity that supports children's education in Africa - something Karen is passionate about. (They pay for all their own travel and expenses). If you are interested in finding out more the link is below.  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/karen-is-climbing-mt-kilimanjaro>

*You look in the mirror and see yourself, but really, it's not you at all. I mean, there's your eyes and your nose and your cute little smile, but that's not all there is to you. Because you're not seeing the amount lives you've touched, with your presence. You're not seeing all the people you've made smile and laugh. You're not seeing how strong you are. In fact, all the battles you've overcome are completely invisible when you look in the mirror, hidden beneath your outside features. So, listen to me when I say this: you are not as simple as a reflection. You are complex, wonderful and something brilliant that a mirror simply does not have the capability to show. It's only showing one tree in the forest, one star in a galaxy, one grain of sand at the beach. And you are so much more than that. Please believe it.*

# September 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
						<b>1</b> <b>Fitness Programme</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Friendship Ctr</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Girls' Brigade</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Aftn.Fellowship Session</b> <b>PARISH AGM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Play Group</b> <b>Badminton</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Fitness Programme</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Morn.Worship</b> <b>Baptism</b> <b>Shared lunch</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Friendship Ctr</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Girls' Brigade</b> <b>Probus</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Evg.Fellowship</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Play Group</b> <b>Badminton</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Fitness Programme</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Morn.Worship</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Friendship Ctr</b> <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Girls' Brigade</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Bd. Managers</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Play Group</b> <b>Badminton</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Fitness Programme</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Morn. Worship</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Friendship Ctr</b>	<b>Girls' Brigade</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Play Group</b> <b>Badminton</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Fitness Programme</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Morn. Worship</b>						

Mark your calendars - Plant Sale 13 October .... Church Fair 27 October