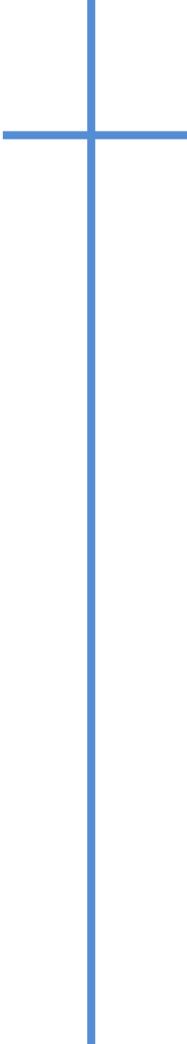




# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

**NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH 2019**



## SUMMER

The air is hot and still this summer's day.  
The cat, the dog, the people find the shade beneath the  
leafy tree; in cool indoors.  
A thoughtful person moves about and pours the lemonade  
or beer, or cold white wine.  
A welcome pleasure of the summer time.  
By water's edge, a breeze, at stream or bay.  
The adults talk and read while children play.  
The shorts, T shirts, sunhats are all we wear,  
Relaxing in this easy time of year.  
With cooling wind around the evening hours  
The people take a walk, admire the flowers.  
The grain matures watched over by the sun.  
A friendship growing time for everyone.  
Reflecting on the year now laid to rest,  
We thank our loving God, we have been blest.

### **FROM: 'WE WELL PEOPLE'**

A Celtic Spirituality of the senses, of awe and wonder and delight.  
By Rev. John Hunt (used with permission)

## Greetings

Looking out my study window this morning I see that my front lawn is very brown although there are faint patches of green within it, some of them grass but most of them dandelions. It is definitely summer. While we enjoy, even crave for the warmth of summer at other times in year, this year's heat is a little more than many wanted, so I'm told. Summer is a time when the soil is warmed and the sunshine gives us the ongoing energy to get us through the coming winter. But sometimes it can also be a time of great dryness.

As many of you know the first half of February I had away in Hong Kong including for a few days in China. While Hong Kong was warm, China was very definitely still in the grip of winter. In fact waking on our last morning in China we were greeted with snow. But one of the things about the landscape in China that I saw was how brown it was. The majority of trees had lost their leaves and those that were evergreen were a strange green-brown colour. There was no indication that spring was on its way by a different colour and the tips of the branches. The land looked very dry even though most of it was highly cultivated.

Because the land was so obviously cultivated I knew that come the beginning of spring green shoots would appear. There would be new life evident everywhere in what I saw as a barren, brown and lifeless landscape. And that is the hope that comes with Spring.

We are in the last stages of winter as far as our building programme is concerned. While we have strengthened the church, the flat roof over the lounge, kitchen and toilet area needs attention. It is as though a late winter storm has struck. Forgive the pun, but once we have weathered that we should be well on the way to being able to fully focus on more effectively sharing the good news of the Gospel with the community. After all that is our mission is it not?

Blessing to you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris", followed by a long, sweeping flourish that extends to the right and then curves back down.

### Personal Notes

- Our best wishes are with Pat Christianson as she recovers from severely damaging her heel as a consequence of a fall.
- Similarly we think of David Ross as he too deals with ill health.
- Sian Scannell's commissioning as a ministry intern at Tawa Union Church on 17 February 2019 went well. This commissioning signals Sian's continuation of her journey toward ordained ministry with this two year internship. We wish her, Kerry and the family well. Blessings Sian.

### Lectionary:

- 3 Mar.** Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36  
**10** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13  
**17** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35  
**24** Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9  
**31** Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32  
**7 Apr.** Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

### SESSION NOTES

A group of us attended the *commissioning* of Sian Scannell for her 2 year internship at Tawa Union Church. It was a very welcoming service, and we are glad that Sian has found another home while she serves her "apprenticeship" in ministry. She will visit us sometimes, she's not too far away. We pray she feels God close as she is incorporated into a different parish.

Work on applying for funding for the *Family and Outreach Co-ordinator* position is ongoing. The Job Description has been completed.

Session has been busy *planning ahead*. If you have ideas for events, or if you would like to help in any way, please let Chris or a member of Session know.

*Session Members* are: Rev Chris Rosanowski (chair), Pat Lerwill (Acting Session Clerk), Marilyn Anderson, Margaret Donaldson, Ray Betteridge, Ruth Mackinder, Hazel O'Brien, Kathy Smith, Clive McGovern, Kirstin Stern, Lynley McInnarney, Delena West, Sheryn Jacques, Shirley Main, Malcolm Foster.

*Music Team.* You will have noticed the lead people for the children's song in church are different. A Music team has been formed to choose the song, and first hymn in conjunction with Chris and a few old hands. It's great to have fresh input. Lead people are Jo Rothbaum, Anna Freeman, and Delena West. With so many very busy people, teams work well for St. Margaret's, spreading the load in all kinds of ways.

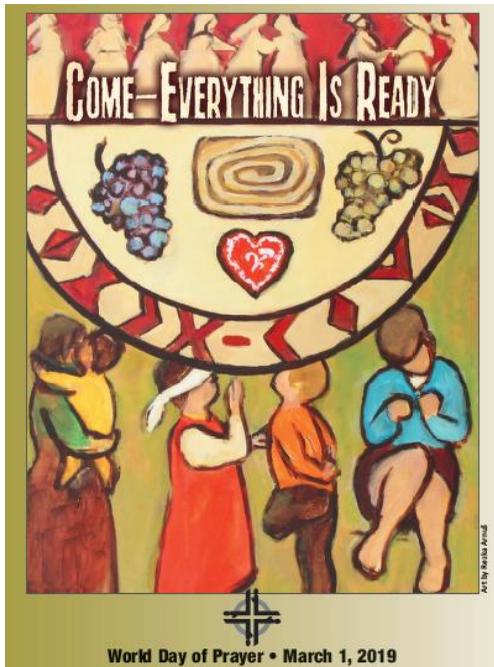
**Events to look for:**

Dedication of Leaders Sunday 3 March which is appropriately Children's Day

Harvest Festival Sunday 17 March.

Winter Warmers 27 April

Pat Lerwill (Acting Session Clerk)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

The Annual World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 1 March at St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This year's service material has been prepared by the Women of Slovenia, a small country in Central Europe and the theme is "Come - Everything is ready". Members of St. Mary's Anglican Church and Our Lady of Grace Church will join with St. Margaret's in presenting this Service. As St. Margaret's are hosting this service, please could we have a good representation of people from our Parish present.

After the service join us for afternoon tea in the Lounge. If you are able to come please bring a small plate of food.

**Heart cushions** ..... Lin Coleman is running out.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with these little cushions, here is a brief explanation.

*The wee hearts are needed for Wellington Hospital Cardiac Ward 6 South.*

*Wellington hospital is the Regional centre for the Lower North Island so we accommodate patients from all around the region and Hawkes Bay*

*The ward houses patients who have open heart surgery;*

*this type of surgery involves cutting through the breast bones to get to the heart, so as you can imagine they are pretty sore afterwards. The cushion is used to support the chest when they cough which they are encouraged to do often after surgery. Coughing can be very very painful so the patients are encouraged to hug the cushion to the chest which helps with the pain which enables them to cough really well.*

*We have patients who have Pacemakers and Defibrillator devices implanted. The devices are generally implanted in the left hand side of the chest up towards the collar bone. After device surgery the wee heart cushions are used tucked into the neck and over the device implant so that if the patient is in the passenger seat of the car they can put their seat belt on comfortably. They also help to support the left arm when the patient is in bed, post procedure. It seems funny but these wee cushions can make all the difference to the patient's comfort. The patients absolutely love the cushions and they are always well received.*

For more information or a pattern contact Hazel 5289117. Remember both men and women are in need of these cushions so a few masculine ones would be great please.

## WHAT'S ON

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday, 6 March, 1.30 p.m. in the lounge. Loretta Hastie will speak about her recent trip to Italy.
- **Evening Fellowship.** It was great to have such a good attendance at our first meeting for 2019. Karen Coleman was a very interesting speaker on her adventure climbing Kilimanjaro last year. Thank you Karen.  
At our March meeting, on Wednesday 13 March, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge we look forward to Lyn Coleman telling us about "Anzac surprise in New Forest, UK."
- **Scrapbooking & card-making group** - Sunday 24 March in the church lounge starting 12.00 noon and finishing around 3.00 p.m. If staying straight after church BYO lunch & drink. Cost for the afternoon \$2.50 pp. New member/visitors welcome to join us. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 5285461.

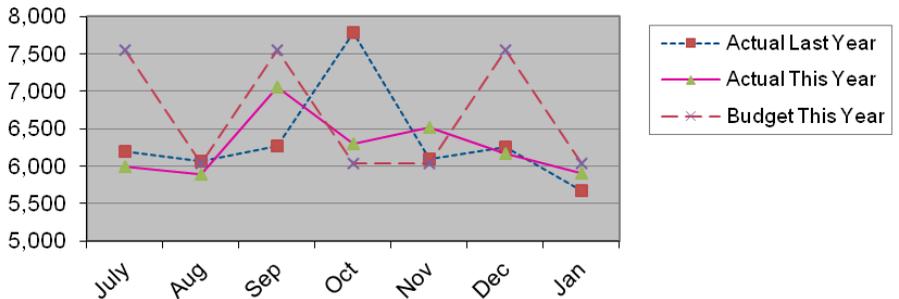
## Report from the Board of Managers

**GIVING ANALYSIS BY MONTHS****7 months July - January 2019**

Month	No. of Sundays	Actual Last Year	No. of Sundays	Actual This Year	Budget This Year	Surplus(Deficit) This Year
July	5	6,192.50	5	5,996.60	7,547.00	(1,550.40)
Aug	4	6,071.71	4	5,894.80	6,038.00	(143.20)
Sep	4	6,271.60	5	7,059.50	7,547.00	(487.50)
Oct	5	7,792.20	4	6,306.22	6,038.00	268.22
Nov	4	6,087.90	4	6,513.20	6,038.00	475.20
Dec	5	6,252.30	5	6,174.90	7,547.00	(1,372.10)
Jan	4	5,670.40	4	5,898.40	6,038.00	(139.60)
	31	44,338.61	31	43,843.62	46,793.00	(2,949.38)

Budget Giving for 12 months to 30 June 2019 \$80,000 as approved by the congregation at the AGM and does not include any contributions toward special dedicated funds

e.g. EQ, Chairs, Roof, Foyer.



## Special Funds at 31 January 2019

Movements in these Funds are analysed below:

	<b>Opening Balance 31 Dec 18</b>	<b>Donations Jan</b>	<b>Payments Jan</b>
Refurbishment	20,177.24		
EQ Redevelopment	64,260.24		
Audio Visual System	(458.85)	2,017.98	(22,423.38)
Carpet & Tiles	(11,060.86)		
Driveway		12,139.68	(11,010.86)
Lounge Foyer	5,000.00		
Hall/Lounge Roof	10,634.56		
Church Chairs	(2,439.20)		(5,250.39)
	<hr/> 86,113.13	<hr/> 14,157.66	<hr/> (38,684.63)

Closing balances in deficit at the end of each project will be cleared by allocation against other funds.

A final installment is still to be paid for the AV System. The payment for the Church Chairs is the last. The new Driveway was arranged by a member of the congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. This looks wonderful and we are extremely grateful to them both for their donation and initiative.

**Organ Restoration** - A small amount of work is still outstanding.

### Property Revaluation for Insurance purposes

Until the earthquake strengthening project was completed, we were unable to secure Insurance cover for anything more than Indemnity Value. Although we are still awaiting the final sign off from the Upper Hutt City Council and a Building Warrant of Fitness to be issued, Wall Arlidge were engaged to inspect the complex and undertake a review for Insurance purposes. Their report shows the Reinstatement Value as \$1,690,000 with \$109,500 additional for inflation and cover has been increased to reflect these figures. They considered the Indemnity Value to be \$631,000. These figures exclude Land and the latest report from Quotable Value (dated 01/08/16) shows Land \$620,000 and Improvements \$340,000. The cost of the extended cover is \$368.21 before GST, for the period 5/02/19 to 31/07/19. Wall Arlidge's Valuation Report cost \$845.00 before GST.

**Lounge & Foyer Flat Roof** - Managers considered a proposal from Moore Design and agreed subject to approval of Presbytery Central and the Church Property Trustees to accept a quote from Davma Construction (who did the earthquake strengthening work) for \$141,785.30 for replacement of the roof. This huge cost will leave no reserves.

**Upper Hutt Foodbank** - A letter of appreciation has been received acknowledging the valuable contribution that members of St Margaret's make to the Foodbank. Demand from customers remains high although all of the months of November, December and January were a little down on their equivalents in the previous year.

## **UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2019**

<b>27 April</b>	Winter Warmers Fair
<b>19 October</b>	Tomato Plant Sale
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We last held an All Things Christmas event in 2013 after the Church was closed. It was very successful so six years later we are going to hold another one. We have received approval for this and are now asking for your input with other ideas and involvement. To get the ball rolling the lounge has been booked for Wednesday 8 May from 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come along, bring your lunch and stay for as short or as long a time as you are able.

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*Margaret Opray and Jenny Allan*

# *Winter Warmers*

**27 April 2019**  
**10.00 - 1.00**

Only two months until the Winter Warmers Fair.  
This notice will also be given out at church so  
you have a hard copy to refer to

**Used Warm clothing**      **Books, Puzzles, Toys**  
**Manchester**              **Pine Cones**  
**Jams, Pickles,**      **Preserves**      **Soups**  
**Pre prepared meals**

We will be running a café and need soups to sell for  
lunch along with soups to sell as takeaways.  
Suitable containers are required for all our food items.  
We will not be using plastic bags, however please save  
empty ice cream containers and lids for soups.

**Note:** (we cannot accept electrical goods)  
We ask you to hold onto your goods until nearer the time

**Jacqueline Kitchen**  
**528.2113**

will appreciate hearing from you



## Children, Youth & Families @ St. Margaret's MARCH 2019

### **PLAY GROUP**

Play Group is up and running each Thursday. Please see St. Margaret's Silverstream Family Facebook page for details.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is also back in action for 2019, please contact Nikki if you have any queries.

### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Girls' Brigade is back and running for 2019 and it was wonderful to see an old family return from overseas and some new faces! We started off with a fun night of games and food – can't beat a sausage in bread and an ice cream!



We have some exciting activities planned for the next month. If there are any girls who want to come along and see what we do, we would love to see you.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

With Sian leaving us to follow her path, I am now sole (older adult) youth leader! We are looking to re start the youth group programme as we have demand for it from the youth themselves!

Watch this space for start times as there are a few issues to iron out.

Easter camp is also on the horizon for our high school aged parishioners. Check out the link at <https://pcyouth.co.nz/>

This year parents and leaders are also invited to join us (there must be space!). Cost is \$175 per participant, so that's \$20 a week until it starts!

Please let Jo know if you want to come, come with your kids... I can say from experience that being on camp with your kids and mine has been a true privilege of this role, so do think about it.

## CONTACTS

**Sunday School** Nikki - 5288106      **Pause Group** Jo - 021616376  
**Playgroup** Pat - 9380374  
**Girls Brigade** Delwyn - 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

4 Mar. Debbie Chote/Chris Scotton  
 11 Riek Kleinjan/Lynn Russell  
 18 Jeanette & Clive McGovern  
 25 Pam Hurly/Jacqueline Kitchen  
 31 Ruth Mackinder/Shirley Main  
 7 Apr. Margaret Opray/Jan Hill

### Church Cleaning

3 Mar. Shirley Harrison  
 10 Helen Bassett  
 17 Lynley McInnarney  
 24 Ainsley Andrews  
 30 Ruth Mackinder  
 7 Apr. Jean Don

### Data Projector

3 Mar. Alfred Enslin  
 10 Lynley McInnarney  
 17 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 24 David Lottering  
 31 Hazel O'Brien  
 7 Apr. Alfred Enslin

### Lawn Mowing

2 Mar. Ben Ryan  
 16 Martin Barr  
 30 Warren Potter  
 13 Apr. Phil Taylor

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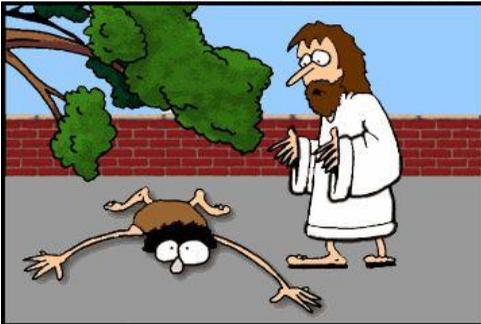
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(See Luke 19:1-10)

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YOU COULD HAVE COME DOWN A LITTLE SLOWER ZACCHAEUS

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6)

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OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

# March 2019

**Minister:** Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530

**Family Team:** Contact the Minister

**Acting Session Clerk:** Pat Lerwill 938.0374

**Website:** <http://stmargaretschurh.net.nz>

**Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 527.9462

**Facebook:** St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion	4 Friendship Group	5 Girls' Brigade	6 Aftn.Fellowship Session	7 Play Group	8	9
10 Morn.Worship Shared lunch	11 Friendship Group	12 Girls' Brigade Probus	13 Evg.Fellowship	14 Play Group	15	16
17 Morn.Worship	18 Friendship Group	19 Girls' Brigade	20 Bd. Managers	21 Play Group	22	23
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