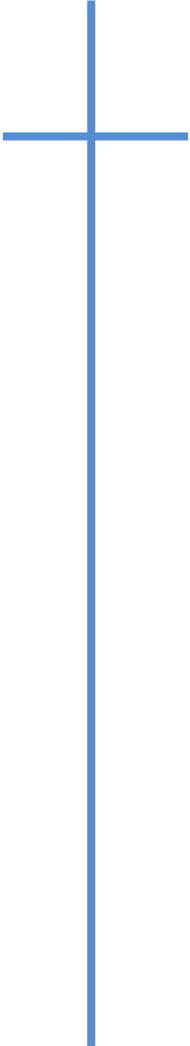




ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2019



Greetings,

New Zealand is often omitted from simple maps of the world. Adding in the three islands at the bottom of the world seems to be a step too far for some mapmakers. They simply forget about us; and generally we're happy about that. After all from our perspective the world doesn't seem a very happy place within which to be included. Because the world seemed to forget us we naïvely thought we were safe. 15 March 2019 shattered that naïveté. Since that date we've had to come to terms with the reality of a violent world. No longer can we claim that that won't happen to us.

While part of the fallout from the events of that Friday is dealing with our loss of naïveté, the anger at being violated and the sorrow at our collective loss, we now need to deal with the perpetrator. We probably pride ourselves, and rightly so, that our justice system will provide a fair trial for the perpetrator of this violence. In a fair trial the defendant is effectively asked "what have you got to say for yourself?" However in this particular case that may be problematic. There is a concern that the individual will take the opportunity to express views that are expected to be consistent with his crime.

I can't help but make the comparison with the events of Easter. The arrest of Jesus, his trial, conviction and sentence were all less than fair. The arrest of Jesus who had gone from town to town healing the sick wherever they be physically, emotionally or spiritually ill was a social good. However, his actions and explanation for the actions challenged the thinking of the day. And in that regard, in only that regard I see a similarity with 15 March. While Jesus was sharing the good news that God loves us, the events in Christchurch show that humanity still has the ability to commit evil.

So in our grieving state we come to Easter. We put the events of Lent behind us and celebrate that God loves us, all of us including the man in custody. Like it or not, Jesus died for him as much as he did for any of us. And Jesus rose for us all. That action restored our relationship with a loving, compassionate God. So on Easter morning we can say with passion "Christ is alive!" And if you weren't the first to say it then you can always respond with "he is alive, indeed!"

May you all have a blessed Easter.



Chris

Personal notes

- Thank you to Loretta Hastie and Lois Rowe for their assistance with the Harvest Festival. The retiring Offering will provide 13 broods of chickens for Palestinian families through Christian World Service.
- Best wishes to Pat Christianson as she recovers at home from her broken heel following a fall in early February.
- Congratulations to Lynne O'Brien on becoming a Grandmother again, and another Gr.Granddaughter for Hazel & Michael O'Brien. Maya Evelyn is the first child of Nicole & Josh.
- Lorna Moir is making great progress following her surgery.
- Our condolences to the family of Alison Connor whose life we celebrated at her funeral at St. Margaret's on 8 March.



Alison Connor
1.5.1929-3.3.2019

Lectionary:

7 April Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

14 April Isaiah 50:P4-9 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

21 April Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

28 April Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Easter activities

14 April	Palm/Passion Sunday		10.00 a.m.
18 April	Maundy Thursday	Tenebrae or Darkness Service of readings and candles after Communion	7.30 p.m.
19 April	Good Friday	A reflective service recalling the events of that first God Friday	10.00 a.m.
20 April	Easter Saturday	The church is open for those who want to come and spend some time in silence sharing the sorrow of the disciples	10.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.
21 April	Easter Sunday	A celebration of the resurrection	10.00 a.m.
28 April		A service with an ANZAC theme	10.00 a.m.

O God, we grieve the hatred, the ugly, racist fear
 that hurts our common living and harms those you hold dear.
 For Muslims who were gathered to worship and to pray
 soon found their lives were shattered as violence filled their day.

We pray for those now grieving for loved ones who are lost;
 we pray for people suffering because of hatred's cost.
 For all of us, now frightened by what extremists do,
 we pray: O God of mercy! May we find strength in you!

We grieve our lack of courage: we tolerate the wrong
 of people who are racist; we simply go along.
 We let the fear continue; we're slow to challenge hate.
 We say, "It's not our issue," until it is too late.

O God of love and mercy, you teach us how to be
 a loving, caring people, a kind community.
 May we reach out to neighbours and welcome others here
 for love is what is needed to cast out pride and fear.

Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
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This hymn was sung in Church recently after the terrorist attack in Christchurch and was written by Carolyn Gillette especially after the shooting in the mosques.

Carolyn was confirmed in the United Methodist Church and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1982. She received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1985. Carolyn met her husband, Bruce Gillette, at Princeton Seminary, and was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1986. After graduation, they both served churches in New Jersey (Sussex, Andover and Hamburg) for about 19 years - first serving in separate congregations and then as co-pastors. Carolyn also has served as a hospital chaplain and a hospice chaplain. Carolyn started writing hymn texts in 1998 while attending Synod School, a summer church conference of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her husband Bruce has offered plenty of encouragement and support for her hymn writing, and the two have enjoyed working together to share Carolyn's hymns with others both close to home and around the world.

Winter Warmers

Saturday 27 April

10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

"WEARABLE, BEARABLE, and EDIBLE "

We would welcome anything that fits the above:

- New and used winter clothing - jackets jerseys hats beanies scarves slippers ...
- Books puzzles table games; hot water bottle covers, winter duvets and sheets ...
- Soups for the lunch, puddings ...
- I would like to make individual puddings (e.g. apple crumble) in the short fat round jars the salsa and dips are sold in. If you have any of these could you please save (jars + lids).
- If anyone has the large (banana box size) "My Food Bag" boxes that they no longer want. We want them for storing the clothing in the garage. These are ideal as they are a uniform size and will stack securely. They can be closed and have "handles".

We also need helpers - to make and bake; to create/knit/sew; to sort clothing. And helpers to help out on the Friday and man the stalls on *the day*.

We don't have storage space so if possible could you please keep your things until near the time.

Sorry - we can't accept any electrical items.

Carol McConnell (5279462) for lunch queries.

Jacqueline kitchen (5282113) for queries and offers.

Thanks

Session Notes

MISSION: In March, Session invited Susan Blaikie, the Presbytery Mission Catalyst, to speak. Our present Mission Plan was published in 2015 and is due to be rewritten this year.

As mentioned in church, she will come and speak to the congregation at church probably in June. She is a very enthusiastic, stimulating speaker, so we look forward to her visit. The process involves a questionnaire, and 2 meetings with the congregation to work towards a final document.

PEWS: Thanks to Delena some of the pews have been sold on Trade Me. Listen for further news.

MINISTER: Chris is now at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30.

TIME CAPSULE: Lynley McInnarney is collating the material for the capsule. If you have anything you would like to include, contact her Ph.5288213

WINTER WARMERS: Fundraising is always important. Let's all support the Winter Warmers project and the great people who are working so hard for it.

Pat Lerwill (Joint Session Clerk)



Can you help please?

In case you are unaware, St. Margaret's has a caring group which is made up of volunteers who are willing to help others out in time of need. This consists mainly of providing meals for people who have either been unwell or who for whatever reason are unable to provide a meal for themselves or their family. You will not be called on very often, but if you can help, please let Ann Pemberton know (567.2471). *Ann desperately needs more people on her list.*

- I will be rostered on each time for 2019, but will require an assistant for an hour one evening approximately two weeks prior to the following dates:

27 April	Winter Warmers Signs
19 October (TBC)	Plant Sale Signs
2 November	Annual Fair Signs
30 November	"Something Christmas" Signs

If you can help me with one or more of these events I'd love to hear from you.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Scott Taylor-Hall (021 0396352) or email scotttaylorhall2@gmail.com

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

7 April	Margaret Opray/Jan Hill
14	Anne Lovell-Smith/Hazel O'Brien\
21	Margaret Donaldson/Riek Kleinjan
28	Alison McLeod-Jones/Chris Scotton
5 May	Debbie Chote/Lois Rowe

Church Cleaning

6 April	Jean Don
13	Alison McLeod-Jones
20	Carol McConnell
27	Rosenda Upton
4 May	Alexia

Lawns

13 April	Phil Taylor
27	Stewart Turner
11 May	Rhys West

Audio Visual

7 April	Alfred Enslin
14	Lynley McInnarney
21	Scott Taylor-Hall
28	Alfred Enslin
5 May	David Lottering



**Harvest 2019
Christian
World Service
for chickens**



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has had a great start to the year with some new children joining us. The Harvest Festival session was a fun learning experience in church and the children enjoyed making fruit kebabs for the congregation. At the beginning of every year we require a general consent form to be completed for every child attending Sunday School by their caregiver. If you haven't had the opportunity to do this could you please email Nicki on valleymorrells@xtra.co.nz.

The last Sunday School for this term will be held on 7 April and we will begin term 2 on 5 May.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Recently our Senior girls made muffins, they were delicious! Our Juniors made bird feeders with seeds and dripping and our Pioneers are learning how to take groups for badge work. We have also had some outdoor activities such as games and a walk up to Ecclesfield Reserve.

Our last night for Term 1 will be Tuesday 9 April and we will return for Term 2 on Tuesday 30 April.

PLAY GROUP

Play Group has been a fun time for a wide age range of babies and toddlers this year.

A lovely group of carers and children.

Last day Term 1 - Thursday 11 April

First day Term 2 – Thursday 2 May



Girls listening to story

CONTACTS

Sunday School, Nikki - 5288106

Playgroup, Pat – 9380374

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

Pause Group, Jo - 021616376

Messy Church, Delena - 9776338



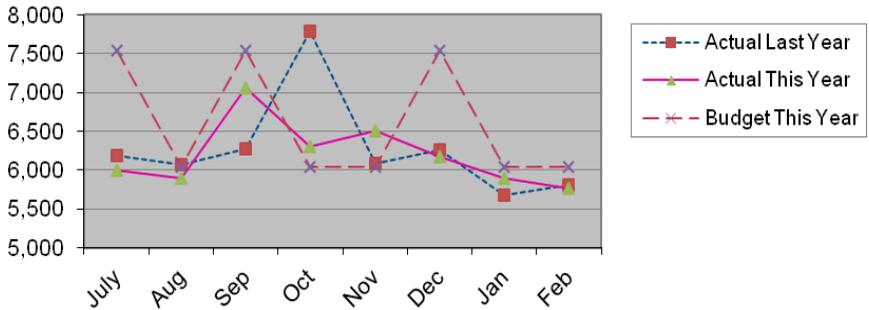
- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 3 April 1.30 p.m. in the lounge. All are very welcome.
- **Evening Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 10 April, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. Diane Carroll will speak about her Quilting journey and Boomerang bags. At our March meeting we had a very interesting talk from Lyn Coleman about her experience visiting Balmer Estate, New Forest in England and the connection with NZ Anzacs at both the Hotel (previously a hospital) and the stained glass window in the Church.
- **Scrapbooking & Card-Making Group- meeting Sunday 29th April**, 12 noon to 3pm. BYO lunch plus work-in-progress and equipment. Cost \$2.50 for the afternoon. Visitors most welcome to come and see what we do. New members welcome, just contact Pam Hurly on 5285461 to find out what you will need to bring.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

GIVING ANALYSIS BY MONTHS 8 months July - February 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)
Feb	4	5,814.70	4	5,766.10	6,038.00	(271.90)
	35	50,153.31	35	49,609.72	52,831.00	(3,221.28)

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:

	Opening Balance 31 Jan 19	Donations Feb	Payments Feb
Refurbishment	20,177.24		
EQ Redevelopment	64,260.24		
Audio Visual System	(20,864.25)		(13,883.83)
Carpet & Tiles	(11,060.86)		
Driveway	1,128.82		
Lounge Foyer	5,000.00		
Hall/Lounge Roof	10,634.56		
Church Chairs	(7,689.59)		
	<u>61,586.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(13,883.83)</u>

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

Organ Restoration - Work is now almost complete.

Property Revaluation for Insurance purposes - The additional premium following the revaluation of the property cost \$368.21 before GST.

Lounge & Foyer Flat Roof - The contract with Davma Construction Ltd was signed on 6 March 2019 with the Deposit of \$30,000 including GST paid on 8 March. Progress is good with no major problems encountered so far.

Harvest Festival - The Upper Hutt Foodbank have sent another letter, this time expressing thanks for the generous contributions from our Harvest Festival.

CWS Chickens for Palestine - \$327.50 will be forwarded to Christian World Service from the special retiring offering.

April 2019

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Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462

Family Team: Contact the Minister
 Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Friendship Gr.	2 Girls' Brigade	3 Aftn. Fellowship Session	4 Play Group	5	6
7 Communion	8 Friendship Gr.	9 Girls' Brigade Probus	10 Evg. Fellowship	11 Play Group	12	13
14 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	15 Friendship Gr.	16 Girls' Brigade	17 Bd. Managers	18 Play Group Tenebrae Service 7.30 pm	19 Good Friday Service 10.00 a.m.	20 Church Open 10.00-3.00
21 Easter Sunday <i>Newsletter deadl.</i>	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27
28 Morn. Worship ANZAC theme service	29 Friendship Gr.	30				