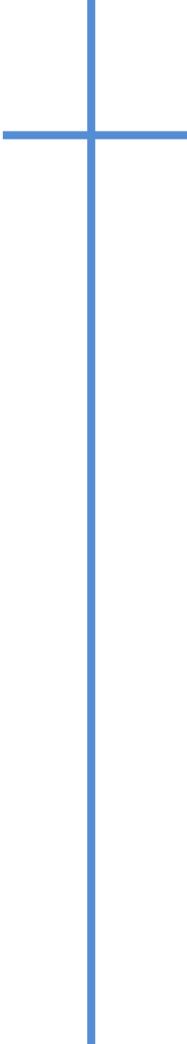




ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER MAY 2019



MOTHERS

How do you define a mother? A mother is usually defined as one who gives life. A mother gives life to a child, forming a bond which hopefully is never broken.

In a perfect world, a mother is always there to laugh when you laugh and cry when you cry. She hopes your hopes and dreams your dreams with you. She never gives up on you and never stops praying for you.

However, in this imperfect world bonds are sometimes broken. When bonds are broken some are left with broken hearts. But we have a great God who steps in and places people in our lives to be who we need to be, just when we need them most. New bonds are formed.

A mother doesn't have to give one life to be a mother. A mother is someone you can depend on to care for you. She laughs when you laugh, she cries when you cry. She shares your hopes and dreams with you. She never gives up on you and never stops praying for you. If you have such a person in your life, be grateful today and tell her you love her. You are blessed and so is she.

Found on a website
shortbulletindevos.deliverabledevotionals.com

It's a somewhat chilling thought that winter is just around the corner. With the end of daylight saving the evenings now draw in a lot quicker and the temperatures are certainly cooler, although I know that the latter has nothing to do with daylight saving. I noticed that the line of poplar trees beside the railway line on that stretch of road between the roundabout in Silverstream and the bridge across the Hutt River have turned a golden colour. There are also rich reds on the trees by the Riding for the Disabled. These colours signal changes a slowing in the pace of life in nature. So Easter occurs at a time when the world is looking for a rest.

But Easter is anything but a rest. The activities of that Easter week beginning with the entry into Jerusalem followed by the arrest, trial, conviction and death of Jesus of Nazareth represent considerable energy. The events of Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ are not a world into winter but the world rather heading into new life and experience of spring.

So with the new life that Easter represents in the resurrection of Jesus Christ we can look forward to the new life that the future holds for us. We don't enjoy the sometimes bitter cold, driving rain and wind of winter yet in a perverse way it invigorates us and allows us to enjoy the spring and summer to come all the more.

Autumn is colourful and so too is Easter. The commercial world produces brightly coloured confectionery especially eggs and rabbits. Eggs can remind us of the stone across the front of the tomb but also represent new life when chicks hatch. But I am unsure about the relevance of rabbits for us in New Zealand especially as many areas of the country are faced with a plague of real rabbits. Why on earth do we want to celebrate with rabbits especially as we all know that the Easter Bunny didn't die from anyone.

Bill Wallace, Methodist minister and hymn writer has it; "we are an Easter people – ours is an Easter faith." So for us Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is something that goes on and on and on throughout the year. We are an Easter people. Without the resurrection, without the new covenant that God has as made for us and given freely to us we would be truly heading into the winter of our lives.

However, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I encourage you not to regard Easter as being something which is now behind us. Rather think of it as something that happens every day. Christ is alive. Thanks be to God.

Blessings.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right and ending in a small dot.

Personal Notes

- It was good to see Pat Christianson back at church following her fall on Waitangi Day. We hope that your recovery continues well i.e. that you heal quickly.
Willem Strydom has had knee surgery and we hope he has a speedy and successful recovery.
Three folk, Caitlin McInnarney, Len Garnham and Riek Kleinjan have also all recently had time in hospital. All are home and doing well. Remembering these people in your prayers would be greatly appreciated.
- Our condolences to the family of Thelma O’Connell whose funeral we held at St Margaret’s on 4 April 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we share in your grief at the loss of a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, long time congregation member and friend.
- Congratulations to grandmother and grandfather Lynne O’Brien & Kerry O’Brien whose daughters produced babies within days of each other. Oh, and of course congratulations are also due to the great grandparents Hazel and Michael O’Brien. Both babies were wee girls.
I also understand the Len Garnham has also become a great grandfather again. Congratulations to you, Len.
- Thank you all everyone who assisted in any way at all with the church services over Easter.
- Thank you to Jacqueline Kitchen for her work in co-ordinating the Winter Fair – “Winter Warmers” in the last weekend in April – just after this Newsletter was published.
- Pat Christianson wishes to thank everyone who visited her in hospital and at home. It has made the long days much more enjoyable.

Lectionary:

5 May Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

12 May Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

19 May Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelations 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

26 May Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelations 21:10,22-22:5 John 14:23-29

2 June Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

SESSION NOTES May 2019

Thanks to Delena West for her efforts in selling the extra pews. The approximately \$3,000 is a welcome addition to our funds.

Families and Community Outreach Co-ordinator: An application to assist with funding for the first year for this position, has been sent to PCANZ's PressGo office. This move was discussed and agreed to by the Annual meeting and subsequent congregational meetings.

What is Session? At St. Margaret's, Session is made up of 14 elders who are called to serve their church. They are ordained for life, but can take leave of absence from Session.

What do the elders do? Their responsibilities include leadership in worship, mission, pastoral care and oversight of the congregation and spiritual nurture. We do try to do our best, but we are only human!

At St. Margaret's, elders are given a list of members to keep in touch with regularly. This may be at church, by phone, or even in the supermarket. Your elder is your contact for pastoral care. We are fortunate to have some new elders added to the team this year, so the lists have been slightly altered. Your elder will be in touch some time soon. Any queries, please contact one of the Session Clerks or any of the team.

Portfolios: To rationalize some of the extra tasks involved in the parish, Session has decided to appoint a lead elder and backup person for different "portfolios" to spread the work load. Some members of the congregation are also assisting.

Joint Session Clerks – Marilyn Anderson, Pat Lerwill

Presbytery Commissioners – Clive McGovern, backup Margaret Donaldson

Children and Young People's liaison – Delena West, Sheryn Jacques

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator – Shirley Main, backup Ruth Mackinder

Communion Co-ordinator – Hazel O'Brien, backup Jacqueline Kitchen

Music Co-ordinator – Margaret Donaldson, backup Pat Lerwill

Church Roll Co-ordinator – Hazel O'Brien, backup Kirstin Stern

Publications Co-ordinator – Hazel O'Brien, backup volunteer ? (computer skills and access to printer necessary)

Bible Society & World Day of Prayer Liaison – Ruth Mackinder, backup Lynn Russell

Managers' Liaison – Clive McGovern, backup Kathy Smith

Fund Raising Liaison - Lynley McInnarney, backup Malcolm Foster

Health & Safety Liaison – Kathy Smith, backup Ray Betteridge

Website Co-ordinator – Pat Lerwill (moving to Alfred Enslin, backup Lynley McInnarney)

PCANZ & Charities Commission Statistics – Kirstin Stern, backup Marilyn Anderson

This re-organisation is a work in progress. These roles are largely liaison roles, so there is someone to call on if needed. In no way does it replace any of the vital work that so many in the congregation are doing. *You, the members of the congregation*, are the most important people in our church family.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact Pat, (9380374), or Marilyn (527 8601)



Sunday 19 May

8.00 - 9.30 a.m. in St. Margaret's lounge

Donation for Breast Cancer Awareness

Come and enjoy breakfast with others before Church

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Annual Fair and All Things Christmas

We have a long lead in time to these two events but we want to start the ball rolling.

On **Wednesday 8 May** the lounge will be open from 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. for everyone to come along, bring your lunch and stay for as long or as short a time as you can.

We will update you on what ideas we have so far (many new ones have been suggested), show you what we have been doing, and brainstorm further ideas.

You do not have to be a crafter, or even interested in making, but your thoughts and presence will be invaluable. Men folk, your ideas are wanted as well.

Please support us on the 8th so we can make these events as hassle free as possible by preparing well in advance and working as a **TEAM**

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Thank you.

Margaret Opray and Jenny Allan

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

5 May Debbie Chote/Lois Rowe
12 Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman
19 Jeanette & Clive McGovern
26 Fiona Glover/Riek Kleinjan

Church Cleaning

4 May Alexia
12 Karen Coleman
18 Jan Hill
25 Margaret Opray
1 June Fono Williams

Audio Visual

5 May David Lottering
12 Hazel O'Brien
19 Scott Taylor-Hall
26 Lynley McInnarney
2 June Alfred Enslin

Lawns

11 May Rhys West
25 Malcolm Foster
8 June Vern Bennett



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school starts up for term 2 on 5 May. Last term the children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on the last lesson and discussed the symbolism of hot cross buns and chocolate eggs.



Lucia and Anya trying to guess the scents from the lesson - Gifts for Jesus.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Girls' Brigade finished Term 1 with an Easter theme – they had a lesson on the meaning of Easter and made Resurrection Buns – a large marshmallow rolled in butter and cinnamon and sugar wrapped with a piece of bread dough then dipped in cinnamon and sugar and baked.



In Term 2 the girls will be doing a variety of badges including hostessing, care of pets and learning about some other countries. Our

Young Leaders will be taking badge work with our Juniors, a great learning experience.

We will be doing our Pie Fundraiser again this year. Info out towards the end of May/beginning of June with delivery early August – keep any eye out in the next newsletter!



CONTACTS

Sunday School, Nikki - 5288106

Playgroup, Pat – 9380374

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



A huge Thank You from Lin Coleman for all the beautiful heart cushions she has received from everyone. The patients at Wellington Hospital are very grateful.

Remember there is always a need for these cushions, so if you feel like making them at any time, please do so. Hazel O'Brien has the pattern.



Afternoon Fellowship meets on Wednesday 8 May 1.20 p.m. in the lounge.

Evening Fellowship At our April meeting we had a very interesting talk from Diana from Thimbles and Threads who displayed and explained the background of her quilts and handcraft.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8 May in the Lounge at 7.30 p.m. Anna Freeman & Hazel O'Brien will share something of their life story.

Scrapbooking & Cardmaking - Sunday 26 May in the church lounge from 12 noon until 3 p.m.. BYO work in progress. Visitors welcome to come and see what we do. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.

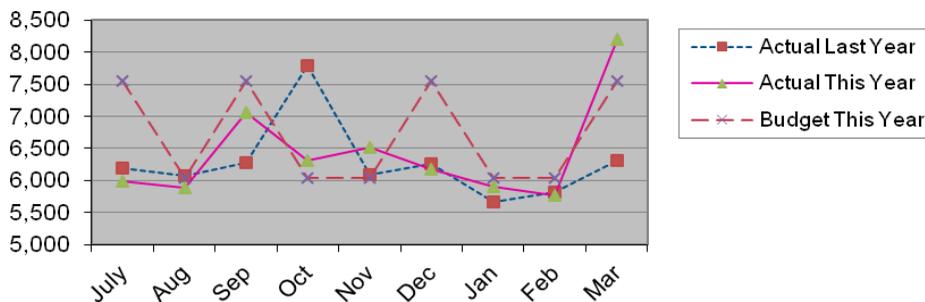
Report from the Board of Managers

GIVING ANALYSIS BY MONTHS

9 months July - March 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)
Mar	4	6,313.50	5	8,193.80	7,547.00	646.80
	39	56,466.81	40	57,803.52	60,378.00	(2,574.48)

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 March 2019

Movements in these Funds are analysed below:

	Opening Balance 28 Feb 19	Donations Mar	Payments Mar
Refurbishment	20,177.24		
EQ Redevelopment	64,260.24	10,000.00	(26,086.96)
Audio Visual System	(34,748.08)		
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>47,702.33</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>(26,086.96)</u>

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

Heat Pumps - Two new Heat Pumps will be installed in the Church shortly, costing \$8,462.18 incl GST. The \$10,000 anonymous donation received in March will firstly be applied to this project.

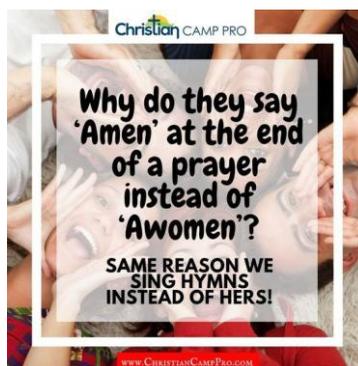
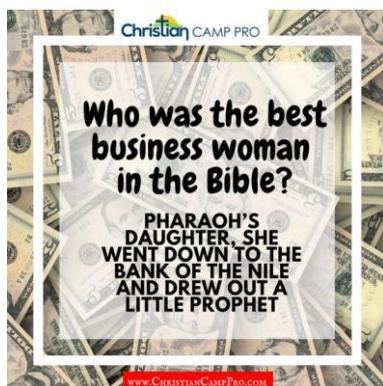
Lounge & Foyer Flat Roof - A further \$84,000 was paid to Davma Construction Ltd on 8 April, taking total payments to date to \$114,000 incl GST, against the

Contract sum of \$163,053.09. Most of the roofing work has now been completed except for replacement windows that are on order. The Church Property Trustees allowed the balance of the Property On Call Capital Fund which had resulted from the sale of the Manse, to be used to help fund the Re-roof project.

The Envelope System and IRD Rebates - Receipts have been issued for the year ended 31 March 2019 to all those who contributed via the Envelope System, Bank Automatic Payment and Internet Banking. This is to enable claims for Tax Rebates to be lodged with IRD for 33 c in \$, subject to the level of the individual's taxable income. The following table shows how donations can increase if the annual Rebates are progressively added to each year's contribution.

Year	Basic Donation	Rebate @ 33 c in \$	Donation + Rebate
1	100.00		100.00
2	100.00	33.00	133.00
3	100.00	43.89	143.89
4	100.00	47.48	147.48
5	100.00	48.67	148.67
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 173.04	\$ 673.04

If you would like more information about this system, please talk to Lance Hurly, Envelope Treasurer (528 5461) or Jacqueline Kitchen, Envelope Secretary (528 2113).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Aftn.Fellowship Session	2 Play Group Badminton	3	4
5 Communion	6 Friendship Gr. Dancing	7 Girls' Brigade	8 Evg.Fellowship	9 Play Group Badminton	10	11
12 Mothers Day Morn.Worship Shared lunch	13 Friendship Gr. Dancing	14 Girls' Brigade Probus	15 Bd. Managers	16 Play Group Badminton	17	18
19 Pink Ribbon Breakfast Morn.Worship	20 Friendship Gr. Dancing	21 Girls' Brigade	22	23 Play Group Badminton	24	25
26 Morn.Worship	27 Friendship Gr. Dancing	28 Girls' Brigade	29	30 Play Group Badminton	31	