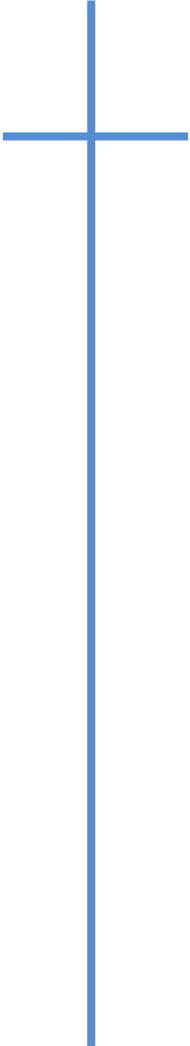




ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2019



Greetings

Goodness – its September! That’s a rather trite opening but it’s true – we are suddenly at the beginning of spring. And we are reminded of that because daffodils are flowering, camellias are out and the willow branches have changed colour; although the weather is a bit slower to warm up. Nevertheless, the world is being transformed but not only is the world undergoing a seasonal transformation but so too are everyday things like children’s toys and like the words we use.

In among all the toys that my two grandsons have are some Transformers. Transformers, from my childhood were things that we used to change the voltage of the household electrical supply so we could play with a model train. But the Transformers that my grandsons have are toys that change from being for example, a truck into a superhero or, I discovered, a super villain. This change occurs because various parts of the toy can be twisted or turned to form different shapes and the combination of these different shapes produces either the vehicle or the hero. Not only are new toys produced but the words used to describe them are also transformed, names like autobots, megatrons and Optimus Prime.

It is the word *transform* has caught my attention recently. It appeared several times in the readings that were used as background for the developments of our mission plan. Those readings talked about transforming the church from being a place that attracted people into it to being a place that went out to meet people. It also appeared in the book “Chrysalis” by Alan Jamieson that I referred to on a recent Sunday morning.

Also, a recent pod cast that I listened to spoke about visiting a hospice in South Africa in a community where one in four was affected by AIDS HIV. Elsewhere the ratio was one in seven. At the time the speaker visited there was a group gathered together singing and dancing. When the host was asked where the staff were, he was told that they were in the group, singing and dancing along with the patients. The explanation given was that “for the healthy the whole they must be touched by the sick.”

Jesus frequently touched those who were sick to transform them. The blind man, Lazarus the crippled woman to mention a few. And the ill sought to touch him like the woman who had bleed for twelve years. These people were transformed, changed forever by Christ. Similarly the disciples were called “to follow” and their lives were transformed. Sure some went back to what they knew, but they had been touched by Christ. As the body of Christ the Church our mission is to share this transformation with others. We are encouraged to reach out and touch those we met with the love of God so that they too can be transformed.



Chris

Personal Notes

- Our prayers and very best wishes to Faye Tozer as she recovers from her recent major surgery.
- Our condolences to the family of Pam Bryant whose Memorial Service was held at St. Margaret's on 16 August.
- Similarly our prayers and thoughts are for Martin Barr and family as he recovers from his recent cycling accident.

Bible Challenge

There is a small group who have taken up the Bible Society Bible Challenge. The Challenge involves reading a series of Old Testament chapters over a six-month period. The readings are about the life and times of Old Testament characters. It's an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. The group meets at 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month to share what we have read and who we have read about as well as encourage each other. Details of the readings involved in the Challenge are on the table in the church foyer and you are very welcome to join us.

Lectionary:

- 1 Sept.** Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14
8 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-33
15 Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
22 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
29 Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 Psalm 91:1-6,14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31
6 Oct. Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10





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

PLAY GROUP

Play Group is going along nicely. We look forward to seeing everyone each Thursday.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The past 4 weeks we have learnt about the Girls' Brigade Crest and have done some work in our workbooks. The girls have to fill in some information, eg. who is their leader, what is their company, etc., plus learn about the badges they earn each year. There is also some activities for them to do. We have had supper each of these nights also - nothing like a warm milo and some yummy food (mini pita spaghetti pizzas, cheese and crackers and cheese rolls), on a cold night! Thank you to Gillian for organising and Ainsley for preparing!

Thank you to everyone at St Margaret's ordered pies. We hope you have enjoyed them as much as some of us have!

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



Lorna Moir brought her goat to Play Group

Not every Play Group has a cow read them a story (Heather-Lee Foster)





FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
ST MARGARET'S LOUNGE

6PM BYO DINNER
7PM MOVIE SCREENING

We welcome you all to our St Margaret's family movie night

**Friday, 20 September,
6.00 p.m.**

Please bring your own dinner and comfy cushions or beanbag.

A great family movie will be chosen and we will provide the popcorn.

We look forward to see you all for another fun family night.

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

- 1 Sept. Fiona Glover/Riek Kleinjan
- 8 Loretta Hastie/Jacqueline Kitchen
- 15 Lynn Russell/Lynley McInnarney
- 22 Pam Hurly/Hazel O'Brien
- 29 Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
- 6 Oct. Riek Kleinjan/Margaret Opray

Church Cleaning

- 1 Sept. Lynley McInnarney
- 8 Ruth Mackinder
- 15 Karen Coleman
- 22 Jean Don
- 29 Shirley Harrison
- 6 Oct. Carol McConnell

Lawns

- 14 Sept. Clive McGovern
- 28 Ben Ryan
- 12 Oct. Martin Barr

Audio Vision

- 1 Sept. Scott Taylor-Hall
- 8 Lynley McInnarney
- 15 Hazel O'Brien
- 22 Alfred Enslin
- 29 Scott Taylor-Hall
- 6 Oct. David

Let's put the **FUN** into **FUN**raising

The countdown is on 8 weeks to Tomato Plant Sale **19 October**
 10 weeks to Annual Fair **2 November**
 14 weeks to All Things Christmas Sale **29/30 November**

FUNDRAISING ALPHABET



- A **ABILITY** to make it happen
 B **BELIEF** that we can achieve our goals
 C **CARING** for each other as we work
 D **DETERMINATION** to achieve
 E **ENTHUSIASM** that's infectious
 F **FUN** while we prepare
 G **GRATITUDE** for each person's contribution
 H **HAPPINESS** working together as a TEAM
 I **INSPIRATION** to and from others
 K **KINDNESS** to all helpers
 L **LOVE** for our church family and community
 M **MOTIVATION** to succeed
 N **NEIGHBOURLINESS** to all around us
 O **OPPORTUNITY** as it arises
 P **PEOPLE** power
 Q **QUIET** times in busy days ahead
 R **REST** and **RECHARGE** regularly
 S **SATISFACTION** from a job well done
 T **THANKS** for the community's support
 U **UNITY** as the St Margaret's family
 V **VOICE** to communicate and encourage
 W **WORKING** together for a common cause
 X **XTRAORDINARY** people at St Margaret's
 Y **YOUTH** participation
 Z **Zzzzzz** when our goal has been achieved.

TOMATO PLANT SALE Saturday 19 October 9am – 12 noon

While tomato plants are the main feature, we will have a variety of other vegetable and flower plants for sale. Don't forget to pot up and nurture cuttings from your own plants to add to the variety available. As well as plants we will have a variety of gardening related items including:

- Garden accessories (looked after by Lynley McInnarney)
- Jams and Marmalades (looked after by Jacqueline Kitchen)
- Gardening books and magazines (looked after by Margaret Opray)

We are looking for donations of other items such as nice plant pots (not the basic plastic ones), garden tools. Do you have any other items that could be included? Please look them out and bring along at the appropriate time. **REMEMBER** –anything that's leftover will go on the Plant Stall at the Fair.

For questions, suggestions or offers of help – please talk to **LORNA MOIR** (528-2681)

ANNUAL FAIR Saturday 2 November 10am – 1pm

Organising the fair is a team effort this year. The co-convenors are:

Margaret Opray (976-9108) Marilyn Anderson (527-8601) Diane Pratt (970-5158)

The Annual Fair is our largest fundraising event and is always well supported by the local community. It's a lot of work – and a lot of FUN! The more people who get involved, the more organised we will be on the day and the more successful the fair will be as a community event and a fundraiser. We have a large fundraising target this year, making it all the more important that everyone who is able to, does their bit and that nobody gets over-worked.

Things YOU can do to help

- Put the date in your diary - Saturday 2 November starting at 10am
- Plan to spend some time at the church during the week leading up to the fair. Every hour of help with sorting and setting up is important in making sure we are ready for the big day.
- Sort out those cupboards, corners, sheds and garages and make a collection of things to donate. Please keep everything at home for now. Dates and times for bringing your donations to the church will be provided in the October newsletter.
- Offer to help on a stall. Please don't wait to be asked! Talk to Marilyn or any of the stall convenors to find out where you could help.
- Donate suitable items or cash to purchase items for the children's lucky dip.

STALLS

This year there will be a new stall located in the church, which we are calling “Homeware”. It’s for new and second-hand items that are in really good condition such as :

china and glassware, kitchenware, tableware, bathroom ware, vases, ornaments, pictures, cushions, throws.....anything for the home that is useful or decorative and is not worn or damaged.

All the “edibles” (cakes, sweets, deli) will also be in the church, along with jewellery, fine linen and handcrafted items. Used clothing, Manchester and toys will be located in the hall as usual, with Steptoe, plants, books, drinks, sausage sizzle etc outside. And of course, we couldn’t have a successful fair without the café in the lounge.

STALLS

CONVENORS

Used Clothing	2 people needed to co-convene please			
Manchester	Vicki Brewer	027-308-5145		
Cakes / Deli	Jacqueline Kitchen	528-2113		
Sweets	Lynley McInnarney	528-8213	Anne Pemberton	567-2471
Jewellery	Margaret Webster	528-3856		
Linen & Craft	Jean Rothwell	528-6207		
Homeware	Margaret Opray	976-9108	Hazel O’Brien	528-9117
Steptoe	Stewart Turner	528-2227		
Books	Lorna Moir	528-2681	Chris Rosanowski	971-7530
Plants	Trevor English	527-8366	Rosenda Upton	528-9851
Lucky Dip	Delwyn Frederikson	976-9116		
Face Painting	Jo Rothbaum	528-8522		
Sausage Sizzle	Richard Donaldson	528-3280		
Ginger Beer	Margaret Donaldson	528-3280		
Café	Carol McConnell	527-9462	Karen Coleman	528-2010

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS SALE **Friday 29 & Saturday 30 November**

Please keep this event in mind. Christmas crafts and gift baskets are being prepared by an enthusiastic group and we would welcome more crafters! We would also welcome donations of new items to be packaged as gifts – such as toiletries, pretty pens and notebooks, nice face cloths and hand towels and small dishes would be great. We will also be calling for Christmas baking closer to the time.

REMEMBER every member of the team is important! Please give some thought to how you could contribute to this year’s fundraising efforts.

Together Everyone Achieves More



- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 4 September, 1.30 p.m. in the lounge. This is a friendly group and all ladies are very welcome to join in.
- **Evening Fellowship.** Our August meeting speaker was Steph Beddis explaining about the Children's emergency room "Tree Hutt" at Hutt Hospital and her work setting it up.
Next meeting is Wednesday 11 September, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. We are planning an "Adult Messy Church" (a few small Christmas craft ideas). Join us for a fun night to mix and mingle.
- **Card-making & modern photo scrapbooking meeting.** Sunday 22 September from 12.30 p.m. until 3.00 p.m. Church hall. BYO your work-in-progress and tools etc. Cost for afternoon is \$2.50. Visitors welcome to come and have a look at what we do. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.
- **Craft get-together - 11.30-2.00 p.m.** Wednesday 25 September. Bring your own lunch and share ideas for the coming fundraising events. This will be the final one for this year.

SESSION NOTES

Mission Workshops: Two workshops have been held under the leadership of Rev. Susan Blaikie, Presbytery Central's Mission Catalyst to devise a new Mission Plan for St. Margaret's for the next 5 years. Full, interesting discussions, centred on the future were enjoyed by those who attended. Susan will write up the findings and send them to us for comment.

Prayer time at the end of church service: We all need someone to pray with at times, either for us or someone else. If you would like to pray with someone after the service, move to the front left (font side) of the church and one of the elders or Chris will pray with you.

Annual General Meeting: Thank you to all those who attended the meeting. Marilyn and Lance added a summary of the accounts with current figures added. See further article in Newsletter.

Wednesday morning Study Group: a study group has begun, meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings 10.00 a.m. Initial discussions centre on the Bible Society's Reading Challenge. All welcome

Report on finances

We started the current financial year with only a small general reserve after allowing for building costs that are still to be paid. The “general reserve” is our contingency fund that can be dipped into to cover any unexpected expenses or cost increases that we have not budgeted for. It also enables us to cover “humps” in expenses such as the large insurance bill coming in September.

July was the first full month of giving since publication of details about the financial situation. It is encouraging to see that the total offering for July was up on previous months. However, it is still too early to know whether this will be maintained throughout the year.

The proposed budget published in the annual report was discussed at some length at the annual meeting. This budget sets the required offering for the year at \$90,000, general donations at \$22,500 and fundraising income at \$25,000 – all significantly higher than last year. It is a ‘balanced’ budget, meaning that projected income matches anticipated expenses. A shortfall in income would mean using money from our small reserve to cover expenses. If this occurs, we would go into the next financial year in an even more precarious position. If the reserve is exhausted we would need to reduce costs by moving to part-time ministry – a step than nobody wants St Margaret’s to have to take.

There was some debate at the meeting about whether the budgeted offering should be higher and the general donations lower, given that the offering is the only regular form of giving and can be monitored and clearly reported to members each month. A motion to this effect was defeated and the proposed budget was adopted.

Progress against the budget will be reported regularly in the newsletter for all three income streams – the offering, general donations and fundraising. The offering needs to consistently meet or exceed the budgeted amount of \$1,730 per week if we are to recover from what has been a difficult few years and continue to work as a focus of God’s love in our community. We need everyone to play their part – whether by increasing their regular offering, claiming a tax rebate and donating that, getting more involved in fundraising activities, or coming up with innovative ways to reduce expenses or increase income.

WORKING BEE

Saturday 7 September 2019 9.00 am - noon. Weather permitting, tasks will include a general tidy up of the grounds, spring clean of the interior, painting and repairs to the exterior etc. Please bring equipment suitable for a job that you would like to assist with.

BIBLE SOCIETY RETIRING OFFERING

The amount contributed in July amounted to \$193.60 with \$53.00 added in August, making the total \$246.60.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

July 2019

	Actual Month	Budget Month	Surplus (Deficit)
Offering	7,581	7,500	81
General Donations	770	1,875	(1,105)
Hall Use (excl GST)	426	250	176
Other - Sale of Pews & Forms (excl GST)	478	58	420
Total Income	<u>9,255</u>	<u>9,683</u>	<u>(428)</u>
Expenses (excl GST)	9,537	10,600	1,063
Surplus (Deficit) for Month	<u>(282)</u>	<u>(917)</u>	<u>635</u>

Note: The Budget Month is based on the amounts approved at the AGM divided into 12 equal months but at this stage excludes items such as Fundraising which occur later in the year.

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Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>
Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462 **Facebook:** St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Friendship Ctr Dancing	3 Girls' Brigade	4 Aftn.Fellowship Session	5 Play Group Badminton	6	7 Working Bee 9.00 a.m.
8 Morn.Worship Shared lunch	9 Friendship Ctr Dancing	10 Girls' Brigade Probus	11 Evg.Fellowship	12 Play Group Badminton	13	14
15 Morn.Worship	16 Friendship Ctr Dancing	17 Girls' Brigade	18 Bd. Managers	19 Play Group Badminton	20 Movie Night 6.00 p.m.	21
22 Morn.Worship Scrapbooking & Cardmaking Newsletter deadl	23 Friendship Ctr Dancing	24 Girls' Brigade	25 Craft get-together 11.30-2.00	26 Play Group Badminton	27	28
29 Morn.Worship	30 Friendship Ctr Dancing					

Services at Retirement Homes - Manor Park 5 Sept., Summerset 13 Sept., Heretaunga Home 26 Sept.