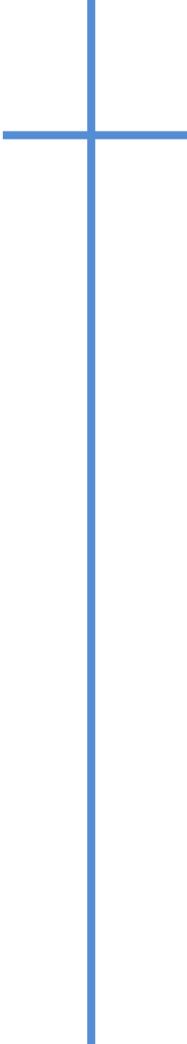




# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



### **SUMMER ....** **Hospitality**

Whether the sun is at height,  
or the moon and stars pierce the darkness.  
My little hut is always open.  
It shall never be closed to anyone,  
lest I should close it to Christ himself.

Whether my guest is rich and noble,  
or whether he is poor and ragged,  
my tiny larder is always open.  
I shall never refuse to share my food,  
least the Son of Mary should go hungry.

From: 'We well people'  
A Celtic Spirituality of the senses of awe  
and wonder and delight.  
Rev. John Hunt

This meditation was a part of John's book where he refers to the Celts as  
hospitable people.  
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Greetings,

The beginning of a New Year is often a time for looking forward. So...how are your New Year's resolutions going? Going well, all gone? Or is your response, "don't be silly, I don't do New Year's resolutions, because I know I won't keep them." Whichever response is yours the New Year is as I say a time to look forward. That suggests an element of fore sight – what do you expect to see in the coming year?

Someone who has 20/20 vision as someone with good eyesight at least that was my understanding when I was a youngster. However, I have never had eyesight that is that good. But I do have 20/20 hindsight which, is not another way of saying I have eyes in the back of my head. Hindsight is more about realizing what could/should have happened with an event once it has happened. It follows the pattern that "Had I known then what I know now I wouldn't have....." You know the story.

This year is the ninetieth year since the foundation stone for St Margaret's was laid. The buildings we currently occupy are somewhat different to those the original congregation built – yet not too different. I have no doubt that should we be able to see into the future the next ninety years may well reveal further changes. Fortunately the ability to "see" into the future requires more than 20/20 vision.

But to my point. What is the story behind or what might we learn from the past in St Margaret's. I'm interested in compiling a set of "stories behind St Margaret's" – is that a sufficiently ambiguous title to get people interested? The idea is to gather our stories, record them in some way and keep them as a record of who we are.

My suggestion is that we compile a little of our history to mark ninety years in Dunns Street. Who have been the shapers, who the leaders, who the followers, what have we done? And who was Dunn whose street (or was it Road) we live on?

If you are interested in this project then let me know. Hopefully a number of us can see our way clear to help with the project and help us discover what are the stories behind St Margaret's.



Chris

### Personal notes

- **Our condolences** to the family of Pat Christianson whose funeral we held at St Margaret's on Sunday, 15 December 2019. Pat was always keen to be involved; choir, social events, studies and, of course worship. We share in your loss and grieve with you.
- **Condolences** to the Barr family at the loss of a father and grandfather in November.
- **Congratulations** to our NCEA students on their successes.
- Best wishes for the New Year for all our students regardless of what level they are in the education system, be they preschool, primary, secondary, tertiary or postgrad. We pray that your year will be one of positive challenge.
- **Jean Rothwell**, until recently, has worked against the odds to keep the garden neat. Now the garden is looking colourful and welcoming to the entrance of St. Margaret's Church and Hall. Thank you Jean.



### Lectionary:

2 Feb. Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12  
 9 Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20  
 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Matthew 5:21-37  
 23 Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9  
 1 Mar. Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

### Session Notes .....

#### Retirement from Session – Ruth Mackinder

At the December meeting of Session, Ruth expressed a wish to retire from Session at the end of 2019 after 24 years of active service. At a pre-Christmas get-together, Session formally thanked Ruth for her considerable contribution to the life and work of St Margaret's over so many years. We are delighted that Ruth is happy to continue with much of the work she does at St Margaret's, including pastoral care and leading prayers for others at Sunday services. We give thanks for Ruth's service and wish her God's blessing as she continues to serve in a slightly different way.

#### Bible Society representative

Ruth has also been the Bible Society representative at St Margaret's for at least 30 years and would now like to hand this on to someone else who shares her belief in

the importance of the Bible Society's work translating, printing and distributing bible around the world at a cost people can afford and in their own language. Please talk to Ruth if you would like to know more about the role.

### Session Clerk responsibilities

For some time, Pat Lerwill has been either Acting Session Clerk (in Marilyn's absence) or Joint Session Clerk (sharing the role with Marilyn). Much has been happening at St Margaret's during that time and Pat's knowledge, wisdom, experience and commitment have been invaluable. At the December meeting, Pat signalled her intention to stand down from the Joint Session Clerk role from the end of 2019. Pat will, of course, continue to be a member of Session. Marilyn will continue as Session Clerk – no doubt tapping into Pat's words of wisdom frequently! Thank you Pat.

*Thank  
you*

Thank you to the kind people who, in many ways, showed their support and sympathy to Helen and myself at the funeral service for Morris Parker, and afterwards.

*Margaret*

**stmargaretschurch.net.nz** is our website address. For many years, we have been very lucky to have the expertise of Martin Rothbaum to design, host and pay for St. Margaret's website. Our grateful thanks, Martin. He has also tutored Pat who has edited it.

And now, techy wizard, Alfred Enslin has agreed to help edit and add to the site. A website is often the first port of call for people new to the area, and for those who may want to know what's on. As such, it needs to be kept relevant. To advertise church events, alter the site, or make suggestions, please contact: Pat Lerwill (938 0374) or Alfred (526 3380)

There is also a St. Margaret's Family facebook page.





enthusiasm.

My grateful thanks to Heather-Lee for her help over some years, her energy and friendship. We will miss her.



For someone who enjoys little children and is free to join the small team in the most fun church job – Thursdays during term time from approximately 9.40 to 11.40 to help with setting up, chatting with adults and children, and clearing up.

Salary – non-existent, but the intangible rewards are enormous! The children and their caregivers are a constant source of delight, laughter and fun.

Any questions and/or offers to help, please contact Pat Lerwill (Ph.938 0384, email: [lerwillp@gmail.com](mailto:lerwillp@gmail.com))

## **BIBLE 2020**

On 1 January 2020 the world's biggest Bible reading campaign started right here in Gisborne. Smartphone technology is connecting people all over the world to read the Bible together throughout 2020.

*Easy to do* - Download the Bible 2020 app from app stores and join the world-wide community speaking the Bible across towns, cities and continents. As the Bible is the cornerstone of our Christian story, it's easy for us to join in sharing its message. There are many countries in the world where undertaking Bible mission is extremely difficult. We are very fortunate that we are free to do this. Let's download the app from either Apple app or Google Play.



## Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's February 2020

### **PLAY GROUP**

Play Group is starting again Thursday 13 February 10.00 a.m. All preschoolers and their carers welcome to a time of songs, rhymes, stories and play. Gold coin koha. We'd love to see you there. Contact: Pat Lerwill (number below).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We hope our children had a safe and fun holiday break and our teachers look forward to seeing you back at Sunday School on Sunday 9 February. We would also love to welcome new families and children to join us for our fun activities.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

We look forward to seeing members of the Youth Group on Sunday morning 2 February. Contact Jo or Delena (details below) if you want more information.

### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Welcome to 2020! Girls' Brigade will resume on Tuesday 11 February at 5.45 p.m. We look forward to seeing old and new faces!

### **CONTACTS**

**Sunday School** Nikki - 5288106      **Playgroup** Pat – 9380374  
**Youth Group** Jo - 021616376 or Delena - 9776338  
**Girls Brigade** Delwyn – 9769116 or Emma - 0210 822 0990



### **Bread tag recycling.**

Keep those bread tags coming! We have collected 669g so far. These are recycled to make wheelchairs in South Africa. 500 kg are needed to make 2 - 3 wheelchairs. There is a jar on the Warren table for collection. Every one helps!!

The **Bread Tags For Wheelchairs** scheme has been running in South Africa since 2006 and was started in New Zealand in February 2019. In South Africa the bread tags are sold to a plastics company which makes seedlings trays, and the funds are used to purchase wheelchairs for those in need in South Africa.



**Seaweed liquid fertilizer** is still available. A bargain at \$2.00 for a 2 litre bottle. Contact Jacqueline 528.2113 or Marilyn 527.8601

## **Rosters**

### **Cleaning**

2 Feb. Ruth Mackinder  
 9 Karen Coleman  
 16 Jean Don  
 23 Jan Hill  
 1 Mar. Alison McLeod-Jones

### **Audio Visual**

2 Feb. Alfred Enslin  
 9 David Lottering  
 16 Hazel O'Brien  
 23 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 1 Mar. Alfred Enslin

### **Morning Tea**

2 Feb. Loretta Hastie/Margaret Opray  
 9 Alison McLeod-Jones-Jan Hill  
 16 Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman  
 23 Lynley McInnarney/Fiona Glover  
 1 Mar. Debbie Chote/Chris Scotton

### **Lawn Mowing**

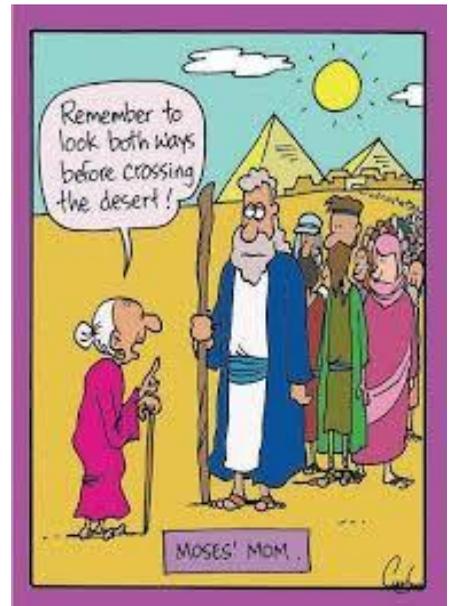
1 Feb. Mike McInnarney  
 15 Richard Freeman  
 29 Nick Tait  
 15 Mar. Chris Upton

# What's On

- **Friendship Group** commences on Monday 10 February 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon in St. Margaret's lounge. We start with morning tea and a chat, then some games of Rummikub. If you know of any person who would like to join us please tell them about the group. Contacts for information - Shirley Main 528.2636; Ruth Mackinder 528.6826.
- **Evening Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 12 February in the church lounge at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Lorna Moir who recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- **Afternoon Fellowship** - Wednesday 5 February, 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Hazel O'Brien will share some of the techniques and equipment she uses for card making. All are very welcome.
- **Scrapbooking & Card-Making** - Sunday 16 February in the church lounge, commencing at 12 noon and finishing at approximately 3.00 p.m. BYO work in progress; own lunch if starting at 12 noon and \$2.50 pp for use of lounge. Visitors welcome to drop in and see what we are doing. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 5285461.



As Jesus was baptized Calvin Carp watched on. The next time Cal would see Jesus was when Jesus fed 5,000 with a few loaves of bread, Calvin and a couple of his buddies.



## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

July - December 2019 (6 Mths)	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	Budget	Surplus	Projected
	November	December	6 mths	6 mths	(Deficit)	Year
	Month	Month	YTD	YTD	Actual 6 mths	Revised
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Offering	7,783	8,035	44,878	45,000	(122)	87,182
General Donations	272	2,000	6,350	11,250	(4,900)	12,233
Donation & Grant Family Worker	0	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
Fundraising	20,021	830	23,471	22,500	971	25,000
Hall Use (excl GST)	287	672	3,403	1,500	1,903	5,000
Other incl. Interest	0	1,035	2,367	1,500	867	8,260
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,363</b>	<b>12,572</b>	<b>105,468</b>	<b>106,750</b>	<b>(1,282)</b>	<b>162,675</b>
Expenses (excl GST)	11,765	9,845	91,041	86,690	(4,351)	186,110
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>16,599</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>14,427</b>	<b>20,060</b>	<b>(5,633)</b>	<b>(23,435)</b>

**Notes:**

The Budget figures are based on the amounts approved at the AGM, generally divided into 12 equal months, except where some items such as Fundraising occur at specific times during the year.

The Projected Year Revised figures have been drawn from a combination of Actual results for the 6 Months YTD and a review of expectations for the remaining future months.

**Fundraising Actual is made up of:**

Downton Abbey Film evening	500
Plants sale (net of Plants cost)	2,619
Annual Fair	13,475
All Things Christmas	<u>6,877</u>
	<u>23,471</u>

Acknowledgment of the effort put into the Annual Fair was included in the last Newsletter. The All Things Christmas event occurred after that and it is appropriate to record our appreciation again to both coordinators, Marilyn Anderson and Margaret Opray, again as well as all those who participated in so many ways.

**Progress On Meeting Our Budget** - Based on our Income through Giving for the last six months we will face a deficit of \$(23,435) at the end of the year. Our ability to afford full time ministry is therefore still at risk. Members are reminded of the Tax refund provisions available for all donations and, where possible, to consider increasing their giving to reflect any Rebates received.



**World Day of Prayer Service -**

1.00 p.m. Friday 6 March at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Terminus Street, Silverstream.

This year's service material has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, and the theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. Members of St. Margaret's, and Our

Lady of Grace will join with St. Mary's in presenting this service. Offerings will be used to support projects in Zimbabwe and New Zealand, as well as contribute towards local and International World Day of Prayer. Everyone; women, men, children are invited to attend the service which will be followed by afternoon tea.

# Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



*For the children*

G Q R J N I L D R Z G F U R G  
C O M M A N D D I M Y T E Z I  
G F S Y J F W J O K H N Y O J  
Q W F L F R U I T W S C P M I  
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LOVE  
BEAR  
LIFE  
COMMAND

FRUIT  
MASTER  
REMAIN  
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# February 2020

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 Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4	5 Aftn.Fellowship Session	6 Waitangi Day	7	8
9 Sunday School resumes Morn. Worship Shared lunch	10 Friendship Ctr	11 Girls' Brigade Probus	12 Evg.Fellowship	13 Play Group	14	15
16 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking	17 Friendship Ctr	18 Girls' Brigade	19 Bd. Managers	20 Play Group	21	22
23 Morn. Worship	24 Friendship Ctr	25 Girls' Brigade	26	27 Play Group	28	29

Services at Retirement Homes - Manor Park 7 Feb; Summerset 14 Feb; Heretaunga 25 Feb.  
 All at 11.00 a.m.