



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

### **Prayer as I put on my mask:**

Creator,  
as I prepare to go into the world,  
help me to see the sacrament  
in the wearing of this cloth –  
let it be “an outward sign  
of an inward grace” –  
a tangible and visible way of living  
love for my neighbours,  
as I love myself.  
Christ,  
since my lips will be covered,  
uncover my heart,  
that people would see my smile  
in the crinkles around my eyes.  
Since my voice will be muffled,  
help me to speak clearly,  
not only with my words,  
but with my actions.

Holy spirit,  
as the elastic touches my ears,  
remind me to listen carefully –  
and full of care –  
to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth be  
shield and banner  
and each breath it holds,  
be filled with your love.  
In your name and in that love,  
I pray.  
Let it be.  
Let it be.

A prayer written on 25 July 2020.  
by Moderator Richard Bott, Moderator of the Uniting Church of Canada

## Greetings

The events occurring this week in the Christchurch High Court gave me pause for thought. Colin Gibson's hymn "let justice roll down like a river" came to mind. Long before Colin wrote his hymn, Amos had spoken about justice rolling down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream (Amos 5:24). While we can only hope for justice at this date there will certainly be a river of emotions on display in the courtroom – emotions from the victims and their families; emotion from the perpetrator; emotions from the media representatives and last, but certainly not least emotions of the court staff. These emotions include grief, anger and agony together with the shock and horror in reliving the events of that day again. However, for the overwhelming majority there will also be an affirmation that what the perpetrator, Brendan Tarrant did is wrong. With sentencing there will be some sense of closure – a sense that justice has been done.

Greek (particularly Aristotelian) and Jewish ideas about justice predate those of Christians. The old Testament provided an eye for an eye approach, an approach this country did away with in 1961 when capital punishment was banned, and rightly so in my view. The Christian concept of justice centres around who Jesus is – God's justice for the world. So in applying justice as Christians we expose the character of God and the need for us to be like God. Jesus told his disciples to "love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 44 – 45) God's nature is that of a loving God and as followers of Jesus we are called to be the same.

But, my word it can be hard.

As we followed the anguished victim statements from the High Court in Christchurch we heard anger, bitterness, deep, deep sorrow. It is hard not to be vengeful. One victim told Tarrant, "you killed your own humanity." I disagree with that statement. However, I acknowledge the anger and hurt in the statement but like it or not Brendan Tarrant is still a child of God – loved as we are. But, not for one second do I condone the killer's actions

Justice is said to be an act of making things right but that it is first and foremost a relational term. Christians believe that is about people living in right relationship with God, with one another, and with creation. And between each of us includes those who do things wrong, against whom we can be righteously angry. Love your enemies; pray for those who do you harm! How then do we make things right in the Christchurch situation?

Jesus died for us so that we might have an ongoing relationship with God; because God loves us. No matter how "good" we might be none of us can achieve the standards of God. If we could, surely we would be gods ourselves. No. We really can't be "good" enough and that, to borrow the title of a Philip Yancey book is "what's so amazing about grace" – God's gift of Jesus life, death and

resurrection or in another words – forgiveness - a gift that we give thanks for each and every Sunday at least.

So if **we** are forgiven and in following Jesus are to forgive our enemies – how then do we regard Brendan Tarrant? Surely we are bound, as one of his victims has done, to also forgive him?

Lord, help me to forgive. Help me to see others with “grace-filled” eyes and to share your mercy with them.

Blessings.



### **Personal Notes**

This past month has seen St Margaret’s folk making use of Hutt hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with the following people who have spent time in Hutt hospital:

- Arthur Mackinder
- David Ross
- Len Garnham
- Alison Nydam
- Pat Lerwill

### **Birthdays.**

Apparently September in New Zealand is the most popular month for having a birthday. Our best wishes go to our September birthday people:

Alison MacLeod-Jones	Gail Malcolmson
Allison Nydam	John Morrison
Chris Scotton	Ruby Aston-Smith
Chris Upton	

Our condolences to Karen Coleman and family on the recent death of her father in Invercargill. May the love of God surround you all as you grieve.



If this sounds like something you could help with please contact Tracy Bull at Family Works - Phone: 528 4164 Email: [Tracy.Bull@psc.org.nz](mailto:Tracy.Bull@psc.org.nz)

## You are invited to join Chris in a Stroll for Your Soul in September

### What is Stroll for Your Soul?

Stroll for your Soul is a collaboration between Kereru Publishing in New Zealand and The Prayer Bench in Canada. Early every morning for 21 days beginning from Saturday 5 September, you'll receive an email with a reflection to ponder as you Stroll or sit during the day.

Using a theme of "Patterns" Stroll invites us to take notice of our surroundings and reflect on the patterns we observe in nature and daily life. If you're looking for refreshment in this difficult year, Stroll for Your Soul may be just the thing. There are three parts to each Stroll:

- Pattern Pause (something to set the theme);
- Thought Pattern (A brief reflection on the theme); and
- Working Pattern (An activity or responsive prayer supporting the theme).

There is also an optional closed Facebook group you can join to share your thoughts or photos with fellow Strollers.

Check out this sample of the first day of Stroll for Your Soul 2020.

### Pattern of Shadow Saturday 5 September 2020

Welcome to our first day of Strolling together. Check out our Welcome Email for instructions on joining our Facebook group and pop in to introduce yourself to the group. Please also feel free to send either of us an email at any time during the Stroll. We love hearing stories and insights from Strollers.

#### Pattern Pause

“Light within all light

Soul behind all souls

at the breaking of dawn

at the coming of day

we wait and watch.

Your Light within the morning light

Your Soul within the human soul

Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life.

In the dawning of this day

let us know fresh shinings in our soul.  
 In the growing colours of new beginning all around us  
 let us know the first lights of our heart.  
 Great Star of the morning  
 Inner Flame of the universe  
 let us be a colour in this new dawning.”

*-from Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace by John Philip Newell  
<https://heartbeatjourney.org/shinings-in-our-soul-prayer-john-philip-newell/>*

### **Thought Pattern**

We have lived with our shadows our entire lives. They've grown with us. Even as small children we were fascinated by our own shadows. We've laughed at the patterns of our shadows as they've grown tall in the early morning or late afternoon, and short and round in the middle of the day. We've chased them, dodged them, tried to run away from them. We've delighted in them and maybe even been surprised and frightened by them.

Experience tells us that at certain times of the day or season our shadows will behave in predictable ways. This knowledge of the pattern of shadows is as reliable and predictable to us as the sun rising every morning. Yet there is also unpredictability about shadows. We can't rely on seeing them whenever we want. To create a shadow, two things are required; a constant source of light and an object to block the light. And this makes the predictability of seeing our shadow as predictable as forecasting weather. If there are clouds blocking the source of light from the sun, then we just won't see patterns of shadows around us. Shadows can appear fleetingly and come and go according to the movement of the clouds in front of the sun. This is completely outside of our control.

As we wrote this year's Stroll, early in 2020, the shadow of Covid-19 hung over the whole world. A global spotlight continues to shine on this virus and we are all connected by this shadow. We didn't know how Covid-19 would affect our Strolling in May and we still don't know how it will affect Strolling in September. We think we can be reasonably certain that because of this shadow, this Stroll will feel different to past and hopefully future Strolls.

Our focus and our invitation in our Strolling is to focus not on the shadows around us, but on the source of Light. The shadows are still present, but the Light for the World is with us even in the darkness. Let us Stroll together in this Light.

### **Working Pattern**

Pay attention to shadow patterns as you Stroll

Pay attention to the Light as you Stroll

If you don't see shadows while you're Strolling, create some of your own with a

light source when you return home.

Ponder what it means to walk in Light even in the darkness

### **Pattern Prompt - Shadow**

Each day we'll provide a one word visual prompt. This is an optional extra. Stroll providers suggest using the visual prompt to take a photo and post on Instagram with the hashtag #prayerbenchstroll or in the Facebook group. Alternatively, Strollers might prefer to use it to draw in their sketchbook or write in your journal.

**Interested in joining?** Let Chris Rosanowski know ([rosanowskic@gmail.com](mailto:rosanowskic@gmail.com)) before 3 September 2020. Incidentally, there is no cost.

## **ROSTERS**

### **Morning Tea**

6 Sept. Jacqueline Kitchen/Lorna Moir  
 13 Jeanette & Clive McGovern  
 20 Margaret Donaldson/Loretta Hastie  
 27 Alison McLeod-Jones/Fiona Glover  
 4 Oct. Youth Group

### **Church Cleaning**

6 Sept. Jan Hill  
 13 Helen Bassett  
 20 Carol McConnell  
 27 Shirley Harrison  
 4 Oct. Margaret Opray

### **Lawns**

12 Sept. Malcolm Foster  
 26 Vern Bennett  
 10 Oct. Richard Harrison

### **Audio Visual**

6 Sept. Lee Don  
 13 Alfred Enslin  
 20 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 27 Lynley McInnarney  
 4 Oct. David Lottering

## **Lord's Prayer in Text**

dad@hvn,ur spshl.  
 we want wot u want  
 & urth 2b like hvn.  
 giv us food  
 & 4giv r sins lyk we 4giv  
 uvaz  
 don't test us!  
 save us!  
 bcos we kno ur boss,  
 ur tuf & ur cool  
 4 eva! ok?



**ANNUAL TOMATO  
PLANT SALE +  
DEVONSHIRE TEA  
COME ALONG!  
ST. MARGARET'S  
CHURCH**

**Dunns Street, Silverstream**

**Saturday 17 October**

**9.00 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Large variety of plants and  
Garden Accessories**



## **ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR – SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

This year we have a new fair convenor, Dean Paul (0211934061), who is working with support from Sheryn Jacques (021936067) stall coordinator, Rosenda Upton (021848840) social media and Delena West (021332449) advertising.

Our Annual Fair is our big fundraiser for the year and has always had great support in the community. We have been trying to work out how long it has been running with memories shared of its beginnings as a garden party at Granny Castles in Chatsworth Rd over sixty years ago! Now there are people queued in the streets and storming through and over the gates when Lance says “go”! The Fair is well known for its bargains, treats and its FUN by young and old in our church and our community. For this success to continue we need your help!

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

- Please diary the date: 31 October 2020 starting at 10.00 a.m.
- Plan sometime in the week leading up to help with sorting, receiving goods, baking...
- Sort through your cupboards, sheds, etc for items to donate and put them aside ready to bring down. Dates and times will be in the October Newsletter
- Offer to help on a stall. Talk to Sheryn or one of the stall convenors to see where you can help out.
- Donate suitable items or cash to purchase items for the children’s lucky dip.

## STALL HOLDERS

Welcome to the 2020 team of St Margaret's church fair stall holders

<b>Books</b>	Chris Rosanowski Lorna Moir	<a href="mailto:rosanowskic@gmail.com">rosanowskic@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:lornatmoir65@gmail.com">lornatmoir65@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cakes &amp; Preserves</b>	Jacqueline Kitchen Lois Rowe	<a href="mailto:jfkitchen.nz@gmail.com">jfkitchen.nz@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:loisrrowe@gmail.com">loisrrowe@gmail.com</a>
<b>Candy Floss</b>	Delena West & Youth Group	<a href="mailto:delenawest6@gmail.com">delenawest6@gmail.com</a>
<b>Children's mystery Dip</b>	Delwyn Frederikson	<a href="mailto:delschina@gmail.com">delschina@gmail.com</a>
<b>Plants</b>	Rosenda Upton Ray Betteridge	<a href="mailto:rosenda.theartroom@gmail.com">rosenda.theartroom@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:tasiandray@gmail.com">tasiandray@gmail.com</a>

Please consider us when you are dividing up your plants or propagating.  
We would welcome any donations from your garden.

<b>China/glass Homewares</b>	Marilyn Anderson Margaret Opray	<a href="mailto:marilyn.anderson@xtra.co.nz">marilyn.anderson@xtra.co.nz</a> <a href="mailto:mkopray@gmail.com">mkopray@gmail.com</a>
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Margaret and Marilyn welcome donations of items new or as good as new including china, glassware, vases, ornaments, kitchen and bathroom items, linen and any new hand-crafted items that could be used as gifts.

<b>Clothing</b>	Caroline Williams	<a href="mailto:carolinetwodragons@gmail.com">carolinetwodragons@gmail.com</a>
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Clear out those wardrobes now – all items of clothing, shoes and bags welcome!

<b>Ginger Beer</b>	Margaret Donaldson	<a href="mailto:kiwimum@xtra.co.nz">kiwimum@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Face Painting</b>	Jo Rothbaum	<a href="mailto:Jo@rothbaum.com">Jo@rothbaum.com</a>
<b>Christmas crafts and gifts</b>	Lyn Ritchie	<a href="mailto:Peter.Richie@xtra.co.nz">Peter.Richie@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Manchester</b>	Vicky Brewer	<a href="mailto:the.brewers@xtra.co.nz">the.brewers@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Morning tea</b>	Carol McConnell	<a href="mailto:carolmcconnell20@gmail.com">carolmcconnell20@gmail.com</a>

<b>Toys</b>	Tamara Betteridge Kate Betteridge	<a href="mailto:tam.betteridge@gmail.com">tam.betteridge@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:trukthedog@hotmail.com">trukthedog@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Raffle</b>	Shirley Main Joyce Castle	<a href="mailto:3whirinaki@gmail.com">3whirinaki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sausage sizzle</b>	Richard Donaldson	<a href="mailto:kiwimum@xtra.co.nz">kiwimum@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Hazel's Crafts</b>	Hazel O'Brien	<a href="mailto:hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz">hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Sweets</b>	Shirley Main	<a href="mailto:3whirinaki@gmail.com">3whirinaki@gmail.com</a>
<b>Steptoe</b>	Clive McGovern	<a href="mailto:mcgovern50@gmail.com">mcgovern50@gmail.com</a>

Steptoe items are to be put aside for delivery to the church the week prior to the fair.

Volunteers to help with collection of goods, sorting and the day of the fair welcome!

### ONE MORE STALL AVAILABLE

This year we are combining jewellery to make an 'accessories' stall. The stall will hold jewellery, good quality scarves, hand bags etc. If you are interested in running this stall, please let me know [Sheryn.jacques@ajpark.com](mailto:Sheryn.jacques@ajpark.com) or 021936067

### SPARE CHANGE

If you have any spare change, we will have a donation jar available at morning tea – the money collected will go towards baking ingredients for the relevant stall holders.



\*MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER.\*



- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 2 September, 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge.
  - **Evening Fellowship** invite both men and women to their meeting on Wednesday 9 September, 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Malcolm Galloway, a lawyer and member of our church, will be speaking on legal matters.
- **Scrapbooking & Card-Making** - Sunday 20 September in the church lounge, commencing at 12 noon until 3.00 p.m. If starting at midday BYO lunch, plus any work-in-progress. Cost for the afternoon is \$2.50. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.
  - **Plant Sale** - As you can see by the poster on page 8 of this newsletter, the Annual Plant Sale is coming up 17 October. I will be looking for helpers on the day to setup and get ready for the sale which will start at 9.00am so it will be an early start around 7.00 – 7.30.

This year is going to be an exciting sale as the plants from the fair are also going to be available and we are having a Devonshire tea (so Sheryn will be looking for bakers to make their amazing scones). Let's all pull together and make this a profitable one. Lorna Moir



**“You caught a virus from your computer and we had to erase your brain. I hope you’ve got a back-up copy!”**



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

### PLAY GROUP

Playgroup is going well, with good numbers. We have had new mums and children, over the past few weeks. With the good weather lately, we are able to be outside.

### YOUTH GROUP



At the start of the term we were lucky enough to get a night away at the beach! We had a great time together and enjoyed some time talking about what has been and what is yet to come for the year for our young people. We have been lucky to welcome Sheryn Jacques into the youth group leadership and we are looking forward to having her wisdom and laughter amongst our group. Youth Group are about to start on a reflective programme and will be inviting some of our congregation to come and share with us about their experiences and their faith journey.

Congratulations to Zoe Rothbaum who has been awarded preferential entry into the BSc programme at Otago University for 2021 majoring in neuroscience, this is based on her Year 12 (6th form!) results and is a massive achievement.

Congratulations also to Izzy Rothwell who has been accepted to the esteemed Transit Dance in Melbourne for the Pre Professional Performing Arts (Diploma of Dance – Elite Performance).

We are looking forward to seeing their progress as they venture off into their amazing futures. Izzy and Zoe also attended the St Oran's ball a couple of weeks ago and we thought we'd share this pic of them ready to hit the dance floor along with some pics of the youth group getaway to the beach...



### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Term 3 has been busy with production of our Wearable Arts outfits. Unfortunately due to Covid lockdown, we have postponed our show. We will endeavour to let everyone know once we set a new date.

Recently we had a Membership Awards Ceremony for the new girls that started this year.



Congratulations to  
Lilli-Faith, Esther, Millie,  
Annie and Maya.

### **CONTACTS**

**Sunday School** Nicki - 5288106

**Youth Group** Jo - 021616376 or Delena 9776338

**Playgroup** Ainsley - 5278090

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

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

### BUDGET for Year to 30 June 2021

The following changes were approved at the AGM to the Budget presented to the congregation in the Annual Report:

1. Fundraising reduced by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$20,000
2. Sundry Income – L&R Snell Trust increased by \$5,000 from \$5,000 to \$10,000

The overall effect was that the Budget Deficit remained unchanged at \$22,650.

### FINANCIAL REPORT for July 2020 (1 month)

	Actual Jul-20	Budget Jul-20	<i>BUDGET YEAR 2021</i>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
<b>Fundraising</b>			
Fair & various other events for General Funds	-	-	20,000
<b>Giving</b>			
Envelopes & Automatic Payments	8,165	7,500	90,000
Loose	292	417	5,000
Donations General	1,070	833	10,000
	<u>9,527</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>105,000</u>
<b>Mission Appeals</b>	196	300	2,300
<b>Sundry Income</b>	<u>430</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<u>10,153</u>	<u>9,467</u>	<u>\$ 143,300</u>

**EXPENSES****Total Expenses**

11,016

11,985

\$ 165,950

**Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)**

(862)

(2,518)

\$ (22,650)

The Monthly Budget is mostly the Year's total divided by 12 except for larger items where they fall in specific months.

Donations above includes \$375.00 given in memory of Jean Slyfield and a further \$75.00 was gifted in August.

The retiring offering in July amounted to \$196.30 and this was paid to the Bible Society in August.

At 31 July 2020 the Funds available for General Use amounted to \$41,394.78.

In addition, \$25,000 was held aside for the Family Worker and \$11,229.60 pending refund to the Government for the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy which was repaid in July.

**GIVING ANALYSIS**

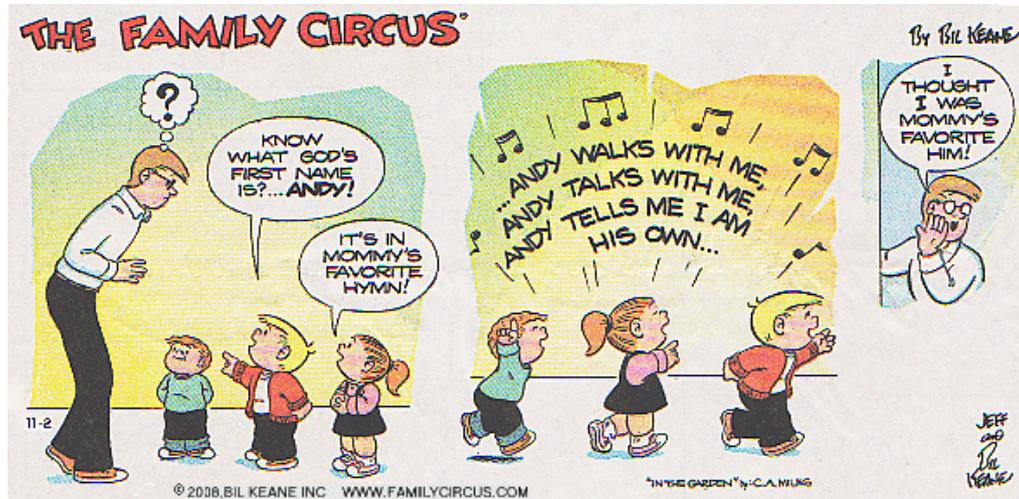
A suggestion was made at the AGM that an analysis be provided in the Newsletter of Giving so that the congregation could get an indication of how contributions are made up.

For the Tax year to 31 March 2020, there were 70 members paying by Envelope / AP and the total given amounted to \$81,198.40. Those contributions are analysed in the following table:

## % of members

29	gave up to	\$10 per week
37	gave	\$10 - \$20 per week
11	gave	\$20 - \$30 per week
8	gave	\$30 - \$40 per week
6	gave	\$40 - \$50 per week
9	gave	over \$50 per week

Note that these figures are the average for the full 12 months and don't reflect the situation where some may joined the system towards the latter part of the year.



# September 2020

Minister: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530  
 Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601  
 Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>  
 Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Girls' Brigade	2 Afn. Fellowship Session	3 Play Group Badminton	4	5
6 Communion	7 Friendship Ctr E/C Dancing	8 Girls' Brigade Probus	9 Evg. Fellowship	10 Play Group Badminton	11	12
13 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	14 Friendship Ctr E/C Dancing	15 Girls' Brigade	16 Bd. Managers	17 Play Group Badminton	18	19
20 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking	21 Friendship Ctr E/C Dancing	22 Girls' Brigade	23	24 Play Group Badminton	25	26
27 Morn. Worship	28 Friendship Ctr E/C Dancing	29 Girls' Brigade	30			
		<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> The church lounge is being used by the Christian Mission Fellowship every Sunday from 4.00 - 8.00 p.m.				

**Retirement Home Services - Manor Park 3 Sept; Summerset 11 Sept; Heretaunga 28 Sept.**