



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020



### THE VOLUNTEERS

Oh, let us rise and give three cheers  
for the unsung volunteers.  
For those who don't just stand and stare  
but offer up their time and care.  
For those who never count the cost,  
but run to help the ill, the lost.  
For those who work with quiet grace  
to make this world a better place.  
Oh, let us all, as best we may,  
employ our gifts the finest way.  
And, if we can, to take our part,  
and give our help with willing heart.

**This was contributed a long time ago by the late  
Thelma O'Connell who found it in an old magazine.**

## Greetings

Back in the April Newsletter I made some observations about the word “unprecedented.” It had become a word much used as a consequence of lock down, border closures and the economic and social pain associated with Covid 19. By taking the unprecedented approach of going hard and going fast we, as a country seem to have avoided the impact of the pandemic that other countries are suffering. Consequently, we have, arguably an unprecedented success rate.

We are now almost in November, but 2020 remains an unprecedented year for us as a congregation. As a community we have gathered together for worship through technology not just during the April/May lockdown but then subsequently in August and September. And lockdown meant the abandonment of our April May fundraising activity. But then an opportunity for alternative fundraising was unmasked. For that idea we are very grateful to Margaret Opray and to the team of sew-ers who produced a phenomenal number of masks. Now that is not an unprecedented event because we have had, over the years a number of different highly successful events and activities like this.

But the unprecedented nature of this year continues. Our tomato plant weekend was, to over-use the word, an unprecedented success. Thanks again must go to Lorna Moir for her coordination and to all those who gave time and energy that sold at least \$3000 worth of tomato and other plants.

Next we have the fair. In no way is this introduction to November’s newsletter endeavoring to put any pressure whatsoever on our fair activities. But there is an underlying excitement in a year full of unprecedented events and results for what could be, the possibilities could be, well, ..... amazing!

Then at the end of the month we enter a new Church year with Advent. Little did we imagine at this time last year what 2020 would bring....an unprecedented year!

May your blessings be unprecedented.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

### Personal notes

Congratulations to the new grandparents within the congregation:

- Carol and Sandy McConnell with the arrival of the wee grandson; and
- Jeanette and Clive McGovern with the arrival of a wee granddaughter. I understand both mothers and babies are well and we give thanks for the blessings of children.

I always thought that autumn was known as the time of fall but this springtime we have had a number of folk who have had falls, some of whom have spent time in hospital. As I write this everyone is recovering - I hesitate to suggest “springing back” as it were. The ability of our body to heal is in itself miraculous at times and we need to give thanks for healing.

Our best wishes to Len Garnham as he moves residence from his villa in Summerset into an apartment, also in Summerset.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Arthur Mackinder, Ruth and the family as he continues to deal with his illness.

Further congratulations to Zoe Rothbaum on gaining a scholarship to assist with next year’s University study at Otago.

Our best wishes to those with birthdays this month who include:

Alfred Enslin

Dean Paul

Delwyn Frederikson

Ella Galloway

Lucy Potter

Marilyn Anderson

Martin Rothbaum

Tasi and Ray Betteridge

Riek Kleinjan

### Lectionary:

1 Nov. Revelations 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10,22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

8 Nov. Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

15 Nov. Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

22 Nov. Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

29 Nov. Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

6 Dec. Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8



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

### **PLAY GROUP**

Welcome back to playgroup. We had a lovely morning with our families; a small number to start off the term.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We have just 8 weeks of Sunday School before the Christmas Pageant on 13 December! Could children please attend as often as possible so they can prepare for this and also complete their special Christmas art work that we will be creating. We look forward to sharing our creativity with the congregation.

### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Our final term for the year, and what a year it has been! This term the girls will be doing cooking, finishing their wearable art projects, craft and visiting residents at Fergusson Village (if all goes well). We plan to make some treats for the residents.

Our prize giving and Wearable Art show is planned for Tuesday 24 November, 6.15pm. If we are unable to visit Fergusson Village, it will be on Tuesday 17 November.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group has been on holidays and are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. We are heading into what would usually be a messy term but will for 2020 be considered quite normal!! We wish our young people well in their preparation for their upcoming exams and study leave. We are hoping to spend some time this term in discussion about what Christianity is and lots of other terms we hear around church! We are looking forward to having some members of our congregation joining us to share their views and experiences also.

Congratulations to Zoe Rothbaum who has been awarded a University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship. This is a great achievement and we are rapt for her!



Mackenzie Brewer attended the Upper Hutt College ball recently and kindly shared a picture of her (middle) and her friends glammed up for a great night with us.

Thanks to our youth group members for your help with the plant stall and Devonshire tea, you guys are awesome!

### **OTHER NEWS!**

Some of our Sunday Schoolers braved the wet and cold on Thursday 15 October to participate in the Tough guy, Tough Gal challenge for their school at Camp Wainui. They got muddy, wet and tired, but all smiled their way through it. Apologies to those young people who entered that I missed but here's some pics of those I managed to catch.... Well done team!

Delena





## CONTACTS

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Delena 9776338

**Playgroup** Ainsley - 5278090

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

**Youth Group** Jo - 021616376 or



Ruth, Arthur and Family wish to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time of Arthur's illness.

This means a great deal to us and is helping us to get through each day.  
Blessings from the Mackinder Family

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

1 Nov. Debbie Chote/Chris Scotton  
 8 Hazel O'Brien/Pam Hurly  
 15 Marion Geistman/Riek Kleinjan  
 22 Jeanette & Clive McGovern  
 29 Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster  
 6 Dec. Youth Group

### Church Cleaning

1 Nov. Jean Don  
 8 Rosenda Upton  
 15 Ainsley Andrews  
 22 Margaret Opray  
 29 Lynley McInnarney  
 6 Dec. Carol McConnell

### Lawns

7 Nov. Mike McInnarney  
 14 Richard Freeman  
 28 Nick Tait  
 12 Dec. Chris Upton

### Audi Visual

1 Nov. Alfred Enslin  
 8 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 15 Hazel O'Brien  
 22 Lee Don  
 29 Lynley McInnarney  
 6 Dec. Alfred Enslin



- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 4 November, 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge.
- **Evening Fellowship** welcome both women & men to their meeting on Wednesday 11 November 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. This will be an opportunity to hear some members of our congregation share their experience of celebrating Christmas in another country.  
 .... **Christmas Dinner** - All are invited to join in our annual Christmas meal on Wednesday 9 December at Te Marua Golf Course. Cost \$34.50. Joyce Castle (528.6376) needs to have numbers and pre-payment by the end of November please.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** - Sunday 22nd October, commencing at 12 noon and ending at approximately 3.00 p.m. BYO lunch if starting at midday, plus photos, tools, papers etc. Cost for an afternoon is only \$2.50. This will be the last meeting for 2020. Enquiries to - Pam Hurly 5285461.

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS****Statement of Financial Performance - Budget v 3 months July-September 2020**

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Total	Budget 3 Mths	Gain (Loss) Actual v Budget
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>						
<b>Giving</b>						
Envelopes	1,811	836	1,125	3,771		
Automatic Payments	6,279	6,459	6,529	19,267		
	8,090	7,295	7,654	23,038	22,500	538
Loose	292	196	44	532	1,250	(718)
Donations General	1,145	1,375	100	2,620	2,500	120
	9,527	8,866	7,798	26,190	26,250	(60)
<b>Fund Raising - Masks</b>		1,915	2,070	3,985	0	3,985
<b>Interest</b>		1	438	439	250	189
<b>Church &amp; Hall hire</b>	430	761	1,139	2,330	1,250	1,080
<b>Mission - Bible Society</b>	196	0	0	196	300	(104)
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>10,153</b>	<b>11,542</b>	<b>11,445</b>	<b>33,141</b>	<b>28,050</b>	<b>5,091</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>						
<b>Administration</b>	2,004	797	835	3,636	3,948	312
<b>Christian Education</b>	376	0	0	376	350	(26)
<b>Ministry</b>	7,809	7,883	8,588	24,280	25,100	820
<b>Mission Incl. Pinehaven School</b>	0	502	0	502	800	298
<b>Property Expenses</b>	827	693	620	2,139	4,300	2,161
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>9,875</b>	<b>10,043</b>	<b>30,934</b>	<b>34,498</b>	<b>3,564</b>
<b><u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u></b>	<b>(862)</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>(6,448)</b>	<b>8,655</b>

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$44,354.47 at 30 September 2020.

**GIVING**

The level of giving continues to run close to Budget which is appreciated.



**FUNDRAISING - MASKS** - A further \$15 has been banked in October increase the total to \$4,000 which is tremendous.

**PLANT SALE** - Not included above is the Plant Sale and associated Devonshire Teas on 17 October which together generated a surplus of \$3,024.74 net of costs. Thanks to everyone who helped with special mention going to Lorna Moir and Sheryn Jacques who co-ordinated the respective events.

**HOT WATER ZIP TAP** - Thanks to Hayden McPhie for replacing the tap at a very modest cost.



Here's the litmus test for your words and it's a high standard:

***May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You, O Lord ( Psalm 19:14)***

A poet wrote:

A careless word may kindle strife;

a cruel word may wreck a life.

A gracious word may soothe the way;

a joyous word may light the day.

A timely word may lessen stress;

a loving word may heal and bless.

So today let your words be faith-building,  
for people battle with doubt and fear.

Let your words be comforting,  
for people have wounds you cannot see.

Let your words be uplifting,  
For people get torn down by criticism and discouragement.

Let your words be calming,  
For God has promised to bless you if you are a peacemaker.

And let your words be character-building;  
that way you'll leave people better off than you found them.

Source unknown.

# November 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Friendship Gr Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	3 Girls' Brigade	4 Pilates 10-11am Aftn.Fellowship Session	5 Play Group Pilates (evng)	6	7
8 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	9 Friendship Gr Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	10 Girls' Brigade Probus	11 Pilates 10-11am Evg.Fellowship	12 Play Group Pilates (evng)	13	14
15 Morn. Worship	16 Friendship Gr Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	17 Girls' Brigade	18 Pilates 10-11am Bd. Managers	19 Play Group Pilates (evng)	20	21
22 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking & cardmaking <i>Deadline newsletter</i>	23 Friendship Gr Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	24 Girls' Brigade	25 Pilates 10-11am	26 Play Group Pilates (evng)	27	28
29 Morn. Worship	30 Friendship Gr Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30					

Retirement Home Services - Manor Park 5 Nov; Summerset 13 Nov; Heretaunga 24 Nov.  
 Every Sunday evening 4.00 - 8.30 p.m. - Christian Mission Fellowship