



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

### *To Start A New Year*

*A new year is unfolding - like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.*

*Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good - with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.*

*As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible - with Your help and guidance.*

*Anonymous*

## Greetings

Well, 2020 has gone – thank goodness. So what will 2021 hold? Who knows!

This time last year there was a sense of a flu virus gathering strength but it was happening elsewhere so we weren't all that worried - here at home at least. I know some folk who were overseas or who had family overseas who were more concerned. But it was summer holiday time and in Kiwi fashion we were laid back and “she'll be right.”

Little did we know!

And little do we know about the future. In many ways that is a good thing. Sometimes ignorance is bliss – well, maybe! Then hindsight always has 20/20 vision, does it not?

So we enter a New Year - new classes with new teachers; perhaps new jobs, or homes, or relationships or ..... who knows? But one thing that we do know is that we can always hope that 2021 is better than 2020 and for many of us that may not be difficult. No repeats of stories of bears peering from windows, or watching the increasingly erratic antics of a world leader with an odd hairstyle. However, someone has already predicted that 2021 will be the year of the vac scene. (Guess I couldn't resist that jab. Gosh, you can only hope that that is my last joke!)

The year has begun. We have begun our worship hearing the call to Samuel, to Andrew and Simon, to Philip and to Nathaniel, and James and John. We have heard them being called to journey with God, with Jesus. We will learn during the year as they journey what they learn and share of their experience with God, with Jesus. It is my hope that we will all continue to journey with Jesus and that at this time next year our relationship with God and with each other will be that much deeper. CS Lewis in his book *“The Four Loves”* commented “those who have nothing can share nothing; those who are going nowhere can have no fellow travellers.” If we travel together and with Jesus then Lewis' comment cannot apply. It is my hope that this year's journey will be one in which we share and learn and grow together.

Blessings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

### Personal Notes

- We celebrated the life of Allison Nydam on 5 January following her death on 27 December 2020. We extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to her family as they grieve.
- Our condolences also go to Richard and Shirley Harrison and family on the recent death of Richard's mother in Christchurch. You too are in our prayers.
- Shirley Main has had a spell in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery!
- A number of people have birthdays this month and we give our best wishes to:

Adrienne Chandler  
Coben Don  
Hugo Tait  
Nola Chapman  
Shirley Humphries

Annie McCulloch  
Delena West  
Joyce Castle  
Pat Rainey



### Lectionary:

**7 Feb.** Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**14 Feb.** 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

**21 Feb.** Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

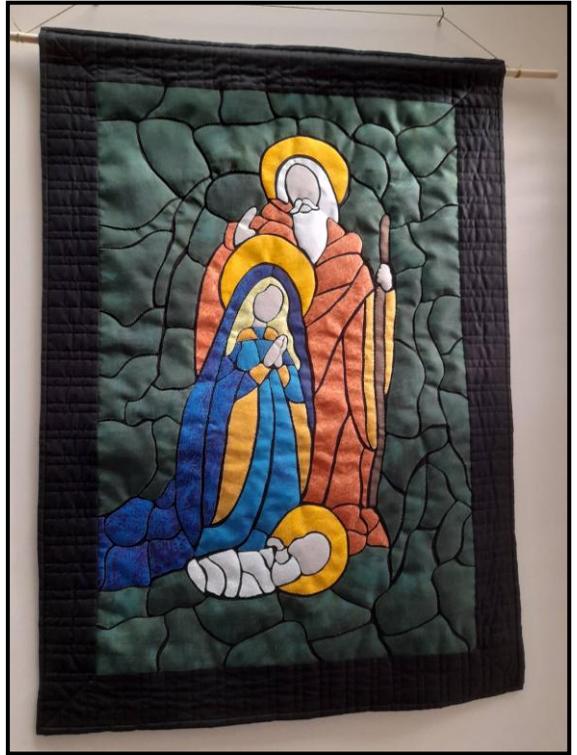
**28 Feb.** Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

**7 Mar.** Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

### *Zoom Prayer & Study*

For some months last year, a small group met on Zoom each Friday morning at 10.00 a.m. for 30 minutes. If you would like to know more about this group please contact Chris for the Zoom link. Zoom meetings start on Friday 5 February 10.00 a.m.

This wall hanging was given to St. Margaret's by Joan Forrest who many will remember was a member of St. Margaret's. Joan moved to the Wairarapa with her daughter and family some time ago. The hanging was started by Joan and completed by her daughter Jean. Joan is now in care in the Wairarapa but we will be forever grateful for the beautiful handwork Joan did while a member of our church family.



## Lenten Study, 2021

### Face to face.

A Lenten study begins **Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Church**

There are five Sessions.

The series will explore five stories and related poems from the Hebrew Bible from Genesis and Exodus around the theme of "Face to face". The discussions aim to deepen our spiritual life, and also explore ways of how we form belief in God.

John Howell from Ngaio has written the resource.

In order to purchase the workbook you will need to register in advance your intention to attend to **Chris Rosanowski**, by 6 February.

A booklet costing about \$10 + postage costs will then be ordered for you.

# Coming Up this month

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 3 February 1.30 p.m. A High Tea has been planned and all ladies are welcome.
- **Evening Fellowship** - (for Ladies and Men) Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 10 February in the Lounge at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Malcolm Foster on his experiences as a Cruise ship tour organiser in Wellington, before Covid.  
Look forward to you joining us for an evening of Fellowship
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** - Sunday 21 February in the church lounge, commencing at 12.00 noon until 3.00 p.m. BYO lunch if starting at noon, plus your "work-in-progress" (i.e. cards or photo albums), and your equipment (card, paper, photos, pens etc). Cost for the afternoon is \$2.50 for the use of the lounge tables etc. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461
- **Advance notice re lunch at Rimutaka Prison.** We're booked for Wednesday 14 July. \$25.00 each. This is instead of the normal Evening Fellowship meeting. All are welcome - spouses, friends, neighbours ... More details nearer the time. (COVID-19 permitting!).

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

- 7 Feb Loretta Hastie, Fiona Glover  
 14 Jeanette and Clive McGovern  
 21 Marion Geistmann, Lynley McInnarney  
 28 Margaret Donaldson, Alison McLeod Jones  
 7 Mar. Youth Group

### Church Cleaning

- 7 Feb. Shirley Harrison  
 14 Jan Hill  
 21 Lynley McInnarney  
 28 Alison McLeod-Jones  
 7 Mar. Rosenda Upton

## Lawns

- 6 Feb. Warren Potter  
 20 Phil Taylor  
 6 Mar. Rhys West  
 20 Malcolm Foster

## Audio Visual

- 7 Feb. David Lottering  
 14 Lynley McInnarney  
 21 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 28 Hazel O'Brien  
 7 Mar. Lee Don



## Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's February 2021

**PLAY GROUP** welcomes old and new families back on Thursday 11 February at 10.00 a.m.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We hope the children are having a lovely holiday break. We look forward to welcoming them back on Sunday 7 January to hear their stories.

### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Welcome to 2021! Girls' Brigade will start back on Tuesday 16 February. We will contact families prior to that.

Exciting news for our Girls' Brigade Company - Emma and her partner Talor got married in Queenstown on 14 December 2020! Congratulations to them both .



### **YOUTH GROUP**

Welcome back to youth group for 2021. We are excited for the year ahead and really looking forward to welcoming our newbies starting with us. Youth Group will start back on Sunday 14 February and runs for term time for those from year 8 upwards. This first term we will be spending time getting to know our new members and them us, we will also be planning our activities for the year.

### **CONTACTS**

**Sunday School**  
**Youth Group**  
**Playgroup**  
**Girls Brigade**

Nicki - 5288106  
Jo - 021616376 or Delena 9776338  
Ainsley - 5278090  
Delwyn – 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
ACTUAL v BUDGET 6 MONTHS JULY - DECEMBER 2020**

	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total	Budget	Gain (Loss)
	Mth	Mth	6 Mths	6 Mths	Actual v Budget
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>					
<b>Giving</b>					
Envelopes	1,471	1,154	7,600		
Automatic Payments	6,757	5,994	39,282		
	8,228	7,148	46,882	45,000	1,882
Loose	435	271	1,533	2,500	(967)
Donations General	369	361	4,020	5,000	(980)
	9,032	7,781	52,435	52,500	(65)
<b>Fund Raising - see below</b>	688	70	23,055	17,000	6,055
<b>Interest</b>		462	901	500	401
<b>Church &amp; Hall hire</b>	770	191	3,796	2,500	1,296
<b>Mission - Bible Society/CWS</b>	0	670	866	800	66
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>9,174</b>	<b>81,053</b>	<b>73,300</b>	<b>7,753</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>					
<b>Administration</b>	1,034	1,247	6,705	6,749	43
<b>Christian Education</b>	108	0	484	350	(134)

<b>Ministry</b>	8,015	8,287	49,014	50,450	1,436
<b>Mission</b> Incl. Pinehaven School	0	0	502	900	398
<b>Property Expenses</b>	711	875	8,685	14,600	5,915
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	9,869	10,408	65,390	73,049	7,658
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<b><u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u></b>	621	(1,234)	15,663	252	15,411
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<b>Fund Raising</b> analysis					
Plants (Net)	-	0	3,063	2,000	1,063
Fair	643	70	16,747	15,000	1,747
Masks	45	0	3,245	0	3,245
	688	70	23,055	17,000	6,055

November figures are shown separately as there was no Newsletter issued in December

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$56,832.26 at 31 December 2020.

## **Board of Managers - Cont'd ....**

**GIVING** - The level of giving is pleasingly very close to Budget.

**CWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020** - Contributions in December amounted to \$670 with a further \$40 added so far in January 2021. This compares with \$958.20 for the 2019 Appeal.

**ANNUAL FAIR** - A further \$70 was received in December 2020 taking the total to an even more impressive \$16,747.

**CLEANER POSITION BECOMING AVAILABLE** - Kathy Smith, our dependable Cleaner of the Lounge, Hall and Toilets for so long has let us know of her intention to finish at the end of February 2021. The job involves 3 hours per week, currently done on Thursday afternoons but this is negotiable. It attracts the Living Wage of \$22.10 per hour and anyone interested in applying for this position is invited to make contact with Marilyn Anderson 527 8601. If you require more information, please talk direct with Kathy or Lance Hurly.

**DISHWASHER RACKS** - Four new racks have been purchased to replace damaged ones. The new racks are able to hold both dessert bowls and dinner plates which should solve the problem of users trying to force the wrong sized plates in.

**BUMBLE BEES** - The small colony of Bumble Bees appears to have moved on without any intervention from us.

**WORKING BEES** - Good progress has been made on redecorating the interior of the Hall and the Church Foyer. More is still to be done before a number of users who are on a summer break return. Tasks include scraping, sanding and painting. Lightweight scaffolding has been borrowed to assist with reaching the higher areas. Working Bees will be held on Saturday mornings from 7.30 a.m. until the job is finished, but please let Lance Hurly know (04 528 5461) if you are available to help at any other times.

# Recycling

Let's help St. M's care for creation by saving landfill space

Bring to church your used :



- *biros, marker pens, correction tape, and fluid pots*
- *toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes*
- *bread tags*
- *milk bottle tops*



- *Wine and Soft drink Bottle screw caps, these are Aluminum and are collected for recycling in bulk with scrap metal dealers and the money collected goes to funding extra's for Kids that are on or have to undergo Kidney Dialysis. The Kidney Dialysis itself is funded under the Health System but there are lots of extra's for which there are needs.*
- *Vision Eyeglasses including sunglasses are recycled for the Pacific Islands*
- *Aluminium Can Tear Tabs including the tear Tabs on Bunderberg Ginger and similar bottles, again these are collected for recycling in bulk with scrap metal dealers and the money collected goes to funding extra's for Kids that are on or have to undergo Kidney Dialysis.*

Place on shelves in hall foyer please

# February 2021

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	2	3 Aftn. Fellowship	4	5 Prayer Zoom Group 10.00	6 Waitangi Day
7 Communion Sunday School resumes	8 Waitangi Day observed	9	10 Evg. Fellowship	11 Play Group	12 Prayer Zoom Group 10.00	13
14 Morn. Worship Youth Group resumes Shared lunch	15 Friendship Ctr	16 Girls' Brigade	17 Bd. Managers	18 Play Group	19 Prayer Zoom Group 10.00	20
21 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking & cardmaking	22 Friendship Ctr	23 Girls' Brigade Lenten Studies	24	25 Play Group	26 Prayer Zoom Group 10.00	27
28 Morn. Worship						

Retirement Home Services - Manor Park 4 February; Summerset 12 February; Heretaunga 23 February