



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2021

### LEARNING

Spirit of Love, you are strong and true,  
a constant wind to my sail.  
Your power will never fail me,  
but the direction I take depends  
on the way I set my sail,  
and that skill can only come  
from practical experience of journey.  
Yes, I've studied manuals, examined charts,  
listened to the advice of others,  
but in the end it's a matter  
of getting out there and doing it.  
And I can be sure that just as I think  
I've got everything under control,  
I tack the wrong way and capsize.  
That's how it is with learning.

Spirit of Love, strong and unchanging,  
you teach me that the trough of the wave  
is as important as its crest.  
Thank you for giving me the freedom  
to learn through trial and error  
and thank you for showing me  
that if I don't make mistakes  
I don't make anything at all.

Joy Cowley  
'Psalms Down-Under'  
Pleroma Christian Supplies, Otane.

## Greetings

I recently went to the exhibition of National Geographic photographs put on by Expressions in the Upper Hutt Civic Centre. If you haven't been to see it then I would encourage you to go. It is an amazing collection of images entitled "Rarely Seen ". One that caught my eye was that of a small monkey sheltering under a leaf holding it not too dissimilar to the way that you or I might hold an umbrella. It seemed to me that that image put some of our human cleverness into perspective. This little monkey had worked out that he or she could get some protection from the rain by holding it over his or her head.

And cleverness is what was being trumpeted from NASA this week following the successful operation of a drone on the planet Mars. This was hailed as the first ever human flight on another planet. In some ways the contrast between these two images, on one hand a monkey with a leaf while on the other a drone flying hundreds of millions of kilometres away on another planet almost represents two extremes. For the monkey it is the use of natural resources, while at the opposite end of the spectrum a manmade machine operates by remote control on an entirely separate planet.

It can't be denied that the achievements on Mars are incredible. But I can't help wondering whether the use of all of those thousands of millions of dollars could not have been more productively spent on earth. I acknowledge while that humanity is often driven by a challenge and that explains why we have a space mission to Mars, but, and increasingly I feel there is always a "but" surely that money could have been used for a more immediate betterment for people. In this regard I think about the response to various worldwide diseases like Covid 19 or even to assist in addressing worldwide poverty.

Jesus looked at the people around him and had compassion. They were talked to, they were healed, they were delivered of problems that they could not address themselves and for several thousand of them, they were fed. Jesus addressed peoples' immediate issues among which was the broken relationship between humanity and God. That issue was dealt with through the amazing events of Easter.

What is our collective immediate issue? I am interested in your feedback.

Blessings

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



The background of the entire page is a vibrant illustration of autumn trees. The trees have dark brown trunks and are covered in leaves of various shades of orange, yellow, and red. The foliage is dense and fills the upper and side portions of the frame, creating a warm, seasonal atmosphere. The ground at the bottom is also covered in fallen leaves in similar colors.

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
DUNNS STREET,  
SILVERSTREAM**

*Winter Warmers*

**8 May 2021**

**10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**

**We will be selling anything that  
reflects the good things about  
winter .....**  
**warm clothes (old and new);  
jackets, hats, scarves, beanies, bedding,  
books,  
puzzles, soup, desserts**

**St. Margaret's Cafe will be open  
and selling soup**

*See more information on Page 7*

**Rosters****Morning Tea**

- 2 May Youth Group  
 9 Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman  
 16 Lynley McInnarney/Marion Geistmann  
 23 Alison McLeod Jones/Pam Hurly  
 30 Margaret Donaldson/Jan Hill  
 6 June Debbie Chote/Riek Kleinjan

**Church Cleaning**

- 2 May Jean Don  
 9 Karen Coleman  
 16 Alison McLeod-Jones  
 23 Carol McConnell  
 30 Rosenda Upton  
 6 June Jan Hill

**Lawns**

- 1 May Malcolm Galloway  
 15 Andries Labuschagne  
 29 Mike McInnarney  
 12 June Richard Freeman

**Audio Visual**

- 2 May Alfred Enslin  
 9 Scott Taylor-Hall  
 16 Lee Don  
 23 Lynley McInnarney  
 30 Hazel O'Brien  
 6 June David Lottering

*Mark your  
calendar*



- **Afternoon Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 5 May, 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge. All are very welcome to join this friendly group.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Thank you to Karyn Thompson for a very interesting talk on her career in the Army. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 May and our speaker will be Mallory McCall - "Living and Loving in Uganda".  
  
Please mark Wednesday 14 July in your diary for lunch at Remutaka Prison. The cost will be \$25.00 per person and all welcome.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** - Sunday 16 May. 12.00 - 3.00. BYO lunch (if starting at noon); if working on a photo album bring along your photos, pens, scissors, etc, and photo album. If making cards bring along your card, coloured papers etc Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.



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

**PLAY GROUP** - We have had a lovely term one with our families. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday. We welcome everyone back on Thursday 6 May at 10.00 a.m.

**GIRLS' BRIGADE** - The girls have had a great Term 1. Juniors finished off by making After School Snacks, which looked very yummy. The Pioneers took the girls for this badge and did a great job. Seniors finished off their Countries Around the World. Delwyn told them a bit about Saudi Arabia one night and they had fun getting dressed up in abaya's and thobes!



Term 2 will start on Tuesday 4 May with a Mother's Day Supper.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Youth group has completed our meetings for this term. Thanks to Zoe back on mid semester leave and McKenzie with her shiny new drivers licence, we had a lovely Easter butterfly rehab session, followed by an egg hunt and games that included the world famous "moo off".

We will resume Tim tam demolition sessions on the 8th May, as we are now into school holidays. Delena and Jo will actually be in church over the hols! Got to make the most of Chris while we still have him up at the lectern...

### CONTACTS

**Sunday School** Nicki - 5288106      **Playgroup** Ainsley - 5278090  
**Youth Group** Jo - 021616376 or Delena 9776338  
**Girls Brigade** Delwyn – 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990



Congratulations to McKenzie Brewer who received her Queen's Guide Award recently.

## *Winter Warmers*

**Anzac Monday times in church** - 9.00 - 1.00 to collect goods  
Any other times, please contact me and we can make arrangements.

### **Church open for sorting of goods .....**

Monday	3 May	9.00-12.00
Tuesday		not open
Wednesday	5 May	9.00 – 12.00
Thursday	6 May	- rail and tables to be set out after Playgroup
Friday	7 May	- church open 9.00 – 12.00

Helpers who are needing evening opening times please contact me and I can be there.

Hoping to be set up by Friday night depending on how much we have to sort.  
Church open from 8.00 am on the Saturday

I am looking for helpers at all these times if available, or by arrangement. If you can help with any necessary washing, or clothes needing sprucing up, I would be grateful for your help. Many thanks.

Lorna

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**  
**ACTUAL v BUDGET 9 MONTHS JULY 2020 – MARCH 2021**

	<b>Mar-21</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Gain (Loss) Actual v Budget</b>
	<b>Mth</b>	<b>9 Mths</b>	<b>9 Mths</b>	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
<b>Giving</b>				
Envelopes	1,040	10,915		
Automatic Payments	8,796	59,991		
	9,836	70,906	67,500	3,406
Loose	103	2,260	3,750	(1,490)
Donations General	100	15,657	7,500	8,157
	10,039	88,823	78,750	10,073
<b>Fund Raising</b> - see below	48	23,103	17,000	6,103
<b>Interest</b>	482	1,383	750	633
<b>Church &amp; Hall hire</b>	209	4,353	3,750	603
<b>Mission</b> - Bible Society/CWS	0	1,106	1,300	(194)
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>10,777</b>	<b>118,768</b>	<b>101,550</b>	<b>17,218</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b>Administration</b>	1,111	9,776	9,949	173
<b>Christian Education</b>	0	484	350	(134)
<b>Ministry</b>	8,095	73,652	75,550	1,898
<b>Mission</b> Incl. Pinehaven School	0	1,412	2,100	688
<b>Property Expenses</b>	687	13,426	18,900	5,474
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>9,893</b>	<b>98,750</b>	<b>106,849</b>	<b>8,099</b>
<b><u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u></b>	<b>884</b>	<b>20,017</b>	<b>(5,299)</b>	<b>25,317</b>
<b>Fund Raising analysis</b>				
Plants (Net)		3,063	2,000	1,063
Fair	48	16,795	15,000	1,795
Masks		3,245	0	3,245
	48	23,103	17,000	6,103

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$62,339.84 at 31 March 2021.

**GIVING** - Giving continues ahead of Budget which is appreciated.

**ENVELOPE, AP, and INTERNET BANKING RECEIPTS** - Receipts for the Tax year ended 31 March 2021 have been issued, mostly via email, but if you have not received yours, please contact Lance Hurly. These receipts can be used to claim rebates from IRD for 33c in \$, subject to the level of the individual's taxable



income. The following table shows how donations can increase if the annual rebates are progressively added to each year's contribution.

Year	Basic Donation	Rebate @ 33 c in \$	Donation + Rebate
1	100.00		100.00
2	100.00	33.00	133.00
3	100.00	43.89	143.89
4	100.00	47.48	147.48
5	100.00	48.67	148.67
Total	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 173.04</u>	<u>\$ 673.04</u>

If you would like more information about this system, please talk to Lance Hurly, Envelope Treasurer (528 5461) or Jacqueline Kitchen, Envelope Secretary (528 2113).

**EXTERIOR PAINTING** - Good progress has been made and by the time you receive this Newsletter repainting of the high sides of the Hall exterior may have been completed.



# May 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
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2 Communion	3 Friendship Gr.	4 Girls' Brigade	5 Aftn. Fellowship Session	6 Play Group	7	8 Winter Warmers
9 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	10 Friendship Gr.	11 Girls' Brigade	12 Evg. Fellowship	13 Play Group	14	15
16 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking	17 Friendship Gr.	18 Girls' Brigade	19 Bd. Managers	20 Play Group	21	22
23 Morn. Worship <i>newsletter deadl.</i>	24 Friendship Gr.	25 Girls' Brigade	26	27 Play Group	28	29
30	31 Friendship Gr.					

Retirement Home Services - Manor Park 6 May; Summerset 14 May; Heretaunga 25 May