



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

THE OPEN DOOR

Life is just one door after another,
and the thing about doors
is that they don't compromise.
They are either open or shut.
We all know the slamming door.
Sometimes it shuts so fast
that it almost cuts us in two,
and we are left in a state of grief.
At other times a door closes slowly,
squeezing us out of breath
until we have to step aside
and let ourselves be locked out.
A certain fact about doors
is that when one shuts on us
another one always opens,
but that's not easy to see.
Often, I'm so busy knocking
on the door that's solidly shut,
that I'm not aware of the other door
wide open at my back.

Psalms for the Road
by Joy Cowley
Pleroma Christian Supplies, Otane, Hawkes Bay NZ

Greetings

This morning when I looked out of my kitchen window the garden looked cold. Being late June and very near the shortest day/longest night what else would you expect you might well ask. The garden looked drab, the lawn dewy and it all looked as though it had stopped. Yet later in the morning when I stepped out the front door there were green shoots from the daffodils I had planted, beginning to appear above the soil.

Seeing them, I was reminded of a request for a song from a resident at one of the rest homes where I hold monthly communion services. The request had surprised me as I hadn't expected someone to ask for the Easter hymn, "Now the green blade rises." That hymn is the most popular of eight hymns written by John Crum (1875-1958) who was an English Anglican priest.

It is an Easter hymn but picks up the parables that we read earlier in the month about the farmer sowing seed. The parable describes how a farmer shows seed but does not understand the process through which that seed becomes grain. The fact that the process occurs is Jesus says through the parable, evidence of faith - that is being sure of things hoped for and certain of what we do not see.

So, we are in midwinter. When we look out the window and see the world as dark, wet and cold we long for the warmth and sunlight and growth of spring and summer. Until we see the green blades of daffodil leaves our hope is have been the hope of faith, faith that creation is in God's hands just as it was on that first Easter when Jesus though dead and buried, rose again. John Crum captures that idea in the last verse of his hymn:

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
 Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.

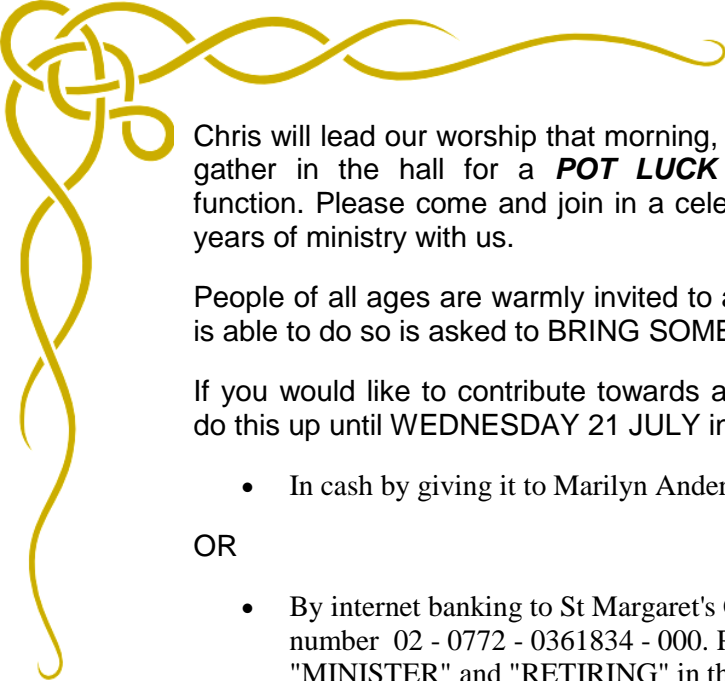
May the green blade of Christ's love touch your lives in these cold and uncertain days and restore you.

Blessings





**CHRIS IS RETIRING FROM HIS
MINISTRY AT ST MARGARET'S ON
SUNDAY 25 JULY**




Chris will lead our worship that morning, then at mid-day we will gather in the hall for a **POT LUCK LUNCH** and farewell function. Please come and join in a celebration of Chris' seven years of ministry with us.

People of all ages are warmly invited to attend. Everyone who is able to do so is asked to **BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE**.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Chris, you can do this up until **WEDNESDAY 21 JULY** in one of two ways:

- In cash by giving it to Marilyn Anderson or Hazel O'Brien.

OR

- By internet banking to St Margaret's Church bank account number 02 - 0772 - 0361834 - 000. Please enter the words "MINISTER" and "RETIRING" in the reference fields. (Please note that your gift will not be included in your annual donation receipt as it is not a donation to the church.)
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**Report From Board Of Managers Statement Of Financial Performance
ACTUAL v BUDGET 11 MONTHS JULY 2020 – MAY 2021**

	May-21	Total	Budget	Gain (Loss)
		11 Mths	11 Mths	Actual v Budget
<u>INCOME</u>				
Giving				
Envelopes	1,210	13,325		
Automatic Payments	7,689	73,494		
	8,899	86,819	82,500	4,319
Loose	350	2,821	4,583	(1,763)
Donations General	817	16,674	9,167	7,507
	10,067	106,314	96,250	10,064
Fund Raising - see below	3,021	26,124	20,000	6,124
Interest	0	1,383	750	633
Church & Hall hire	235	4,679	4,583	95
Mission - Bible Society/CWS	0	1,106	1,300	(194)
<u>Total Income</u>	13,322	139,606	122,883	16,722
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Administration	834	11,436	11,816	381
Christian Education	0	484	350	(134)
Ministry	8,185	90,295	92,283	1,989
Mission Incl.Pinehaven School	0	1,650	2,290	640
Property Expenses	9,515	23,398	21,767	(1,631)
<u>Total Expenses</u>	18,533	127,262	128,506	1,244
<u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u>	(5,211)	12,344	(5,623)	17,967
Fund Raising analysis				
Plants (Net)		3,063	2,000	1,063
Fair		16,795	15,000	1,795
Winter Warmers	3,021	3,021	3,000	21
Masks		3,245	0	3,245
	3,021	26,124	20,000	6,124

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$53,026.24 at 31 May 2021.

Winter Warmers Fair: The total continues to grow and from May's \$3,021, \$160 has been added so far in June. In addition, donations received from members of the congregation for fundraising activities held in conjunction with Winter Warmers but separate from the event amounted to \$647 bringing the total to date to \$3,828.

Whiteman's Rd housing project: It is interesting seeing right through to the road but please respect the need for the safety fence especially when building commences. A new fence will eventually be erected at no cost to St Margaret's.

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

4 July Riek Kleinjan/Margaret Opray
 11 Jeanette & Clive McGovern
 18 Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
 25 Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman
 1 Aug. Youth Group

Church Cleaning

4 July Fono Williams
 11 Carol McConnell
 25 Jean Don
 1 Aug. Lynley McInnarney

Lawns

10 July Chris Upton
 24 Clive McGovern
 7 Aug. Ben Ryan

Audio Visual

4 July David Lottering
 11 Lynley McInnarney
 18 Hazel O'Brien
 25 Alfred Enslin
 1 Aug. Scott Taylor-Hall



Found on Facebook

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe ...

He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: The first child to reach the tree will get the basket. When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!

When he asked them why you did that when every one of you could get the basket only for him!

They answered with astonishment: Ubuntu.

"That is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?"

Ubuntu in their civilization means: (I am because we are).

That tribe knows the secret of happiness that has been lost in all societies that transcend them and which consider themselves civilized societies !!



Children, Youth & Families

@ St.Margaret's

July 2021

PLAY GROUP

Playgroup going well. Come join us with songs and music. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would love all our Sunday School children to be able to attend on Sunday 25 July which is the last Sunday of the school holidays. We will be holding Sunday School and then attend the lunch for Chris afterwards. There will be lots of yummy food for the children as well!

GIRLS' BRIGADE

It is hard to believe we are close to the end of Term 2 already!

Our Juniors and Seniors have joined together for a badge. They have been making items to sell to fundraise for World Vision. So far they have layered ingredients in a jar for Chocolate Chip Cookies and made two spice mixes - Burrito and BBQ. We are hoping to have our "Market" before the end of term. Our Pioneers have been doing felting and have been making some delicious food.

With Chris' last service being 25 July, we are inviting all our families to attend and join in.

Our last night for Term 2 will be Tuesday 6 July.

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July 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Play Group Badminton	2	3
4 Communion	5 Friendship Gr. English Country Dancing	6 Girls' Brigade	7 Aftn.Fellowship Session	8 Play Group Badminton	9	10
11 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	12 Friendship Gr E.C. Dancing	13	14 Prison Lunch 12.00 noon	15 Badminton	16	17
18 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking <i>Newsletter deadl.</i>	19 Friendship Gr E.C. Dancing	20	21 Bd. Managers	22 Badminton	23	24
25 Morn. Worship Chris' Retirement Pot luck lunch	26 Friendship Gr E.C. Dancing	27 Girls' Brigade	28	29 Play Group Badminton	30	31

Retirement Home Services - Manor Park 1 July; Summerset 9 July; Heretaunga ?