



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

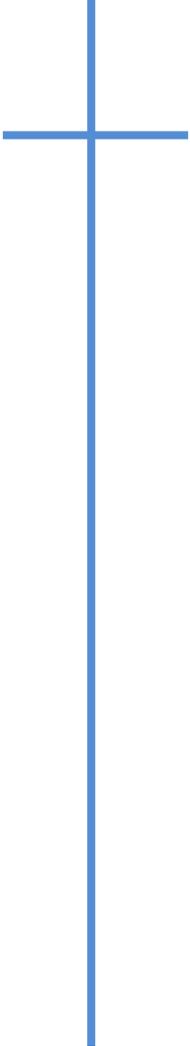
NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2021



New Beginnings

Living God, the source of all life,
prompt us into new beginnings.
Ever-present God, travelling alongside us
guide us to walk in your way.
Ever-loving God, surrounding us with care,
help us to detect your presence.

- Jan Berry, England



Greetings

Well, this is my swan song, my last newsletter before I retire. Apparently, the phrase swan song refers to an ancient belief that swans sing a beautiful song just before their death. That song is believed to compensate for the fact that swans are either silent or musically poor during their lives. Where the idea comes from is unclear, but the ancient Greeks seem to have taken this on board and made it a bit of a proverbial statement 300 to 500 years before Jesus was born. Modern science is unable to prove the proverbial belief but still we use the phrase. So here goes for my swan song.

Someone is very busy but seems unperturbed by their busy-ness is sometimes compared to being like a duck (or a swan) on a pond – apparently floating serenely on the surface while under the water their feet are furiously paddling. I rather think that the church is a little like the duck. Many beautiful church buildings set immovable on site, in our case in Dunns Street. A passer-by will see occasional activity on site. However, what that passer-by does not see are the equivalent of the swan's feet paddling furiously out of sight. Those feet of course are the people who form the congregation of each church., Each one going about their Christian faith, sharing the love of God and of the compassion of Jesus Christ with those that they interact with day by day. That's us, you and me.

Our feet are figuratively paddling fast not because we believe that we should be doing "good deeds" to get some form of reward but because Jesus cared for those that he interacted with as he shared with them the good news of the gospel. Of course, if the duck (or swan) stops paddling and then in runs the risk of being swept away by the current, caught up as it were by preoccupations of the world.

Continually paddling is tiring, even exhausting. There is a need to take a rest. And Jesus anticipated that when he said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

Work to extend a call to someone to come and minister means that some folk will have to paddle even faster to support the work within the congregation. It is my prayer that you remember Jesus words to the weary and those with heavy burdens and offer support to each other relying on the promises of Jesus and the ever present love of God.

There, I have cobbled together my swan song and penned my cygnet-ure.

Blessings



Chris

Personal Notes

- My heartfelt thanks to you who have supported my ministry over the last seven years in any way at all. I have been aware of the prayer support, the practical encouragement and advice that you have offered. I thank you for the privilege of sharing your lives, your successes, your sorrows. As I have said to some of you it is not my intention to leave Silverstream Pinehaven in the short term at least. I will take a break as limited at the end of her Ministry. I will be available to help with the fair in October. May God bless you all.
- Our condolences to Wendy Amies on the recent death of her son Andrew in the UK. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and Andrew's family as you grieve.
- As this newsletter goes to print, Carole & Lionel Alexander are preparing to return to the UK after their extended stay in NZ. There has to be some pluses in this Covid stricken world, and this has been one of them. Carole & Lionel we have loved having you in our parish for so long and we wish you a safe journey and keep safe when you arrive in your homeland. When the borders open up again, we look forward to your return.
- People with birthdays during August include:



Alan Chapman	Cooper West	Heather-Lee Foster
Gabbie Chote	Jean Don	Kara Tait
Lucia Morrell	Pat Lerwill	Riley Brewer
Sophie Galloway	Wynten Morrell	

Lectionary:

1 Aug. 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

8 Aug. 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35,41-51

15 Aug. 1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

22 Aug. 1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

29 Aug. Song Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2,6-9 James 1:17-27

Matthew 7:1-9,14-15,21-23

5 Sept. Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10,14-17

Mark 7:24-37

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

- 1 Aug.** Youth Group
- 8** Margaret Opray/Lynn Russell
- 15** Lynley McInnarney/Marion Geistmann
- 22** Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster
- 29** Jeanette & Clive McGovern
- 5 Sept.** Fiona Glover/Riek Kleinjan

Church Cleaning

- 1 Aug.** Lynley McInnarney
- 8** Karen Coleman
- 15** Carol McConnell
- 22** Jan Hill
- 29** Rosenda Upton
- 5 Sept.** Ainsley Andrews

Lawns

- 7 Aug.** Ben Ryan
- 21** Martin Barr
- 4 Sept.** Warren Potter

Audio Visual

- 1 Aug.** Scott Taylor-Hall
- 8** Lee Don
- 15** David Lottering
- 22** Lynley McInnarney
- 29** Hazel O'Brien
- 5 Sept.** Alfred Enslin

Following Chris' retirement – what happens?

We will continue to worship Sunday by Sunday at St Margaret's and our usual activities will also be maintained. Worship may well be led by a variety of different people from both within and outside of the congregation.

The Presbyterian process to fill a parish vacancy requires the Presbytery, that is the regional church governance group (in our case Presbytery Central), to appoint someone as the Interim Moderator and usually another person as the convener of the Ministry Settlement Board who is effectively part of a selection panel. The Interim Moderator is responsible for ensuring Ministry continues to be provided to the parish, but the nature of that ministry is determined in consultation with the parish. The Ministry Settlement Board, while chaired by somebody appointed by the Presbytery, will also include representatives elected by the congregation and Session will tell you more about that process later in August.

Details of who the Interim Moderator will be and who will represent Presbytery on the Ministry Settlement Board will be advised once more details are known from Presbytery.

What's On

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 4 August, 1.30 p.m. in the lounge.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Members of the congregation enjoyed a 3 course lunch at the “Doing Thyme” Restaurant at Rimutaka Prison for our July meeting. Thank you Jackie for organising this; much appreciated. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 August, 7.30 p.m. in the Church lounge when Rosenda Upton will be demonstrating bees wax food wraps. All welcome and bring a friend to enjoy our fellowship too.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** - Sunday 15 August - 12.00 noon to approximately 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.

Reports for the Annual Report should be in the hands of Hazel O'Brien ***no later Sunday 8 August please.*** The date for the Annual Meeting has not been confirmed but it is necessary that the Annual Report be completed.

Email Address - Pastoral Care at St Margaret's

As you know, St Margaret's pastoral care team are here for you and contacting us has just been made easier – you can email us @

Pastoralcare.StMargarets@gmail.com

If you or someone you know would like one of our pastoral care team to be in touch, drop us a line. Emails are treated confidentially and only accessed by the pastoral care team which consists of Sheryn Jacques, Delena West, Shirley Main, Malcolm Foster, Gail Malcolmson and Peter Ritchie.

If you prefer to phone, please contact Sheryn 021936067 or Delena 021332449.



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

PLAY GROUP - Term two finished well, but it was a sad ending as we have had to say goodbye to Jackie and Chris. Jackie has been with playgroup for 10 years, helping with the toys and caring. A big thank you to Chris for his help which is beyond his job description. We have also welcomed Nurtured at Home, who provide music and movement. Back for Term three, 29 July at 10.00 a.m. If you have a couple of hours free on Thursdays, we would love your help.

GIRLS' BRIGADE -

Our Juniors and Seniors did a great job with their fundraising. They made Burrito and BBQ spice, lemon honey and chocolate chip cookie mix. Everything was \$5 and they sold just about everything!

The girls made \$190 - this will be divided up over numerous items from World Vision, e.g. Water tap, vege garden, seeds, garden tools and vaccinations. A big thank you to our families for their support.



CONTACTS

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

REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

ACTUAL v BUDGET 12 MONTHS JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

	June-21	Total	Budget	Gain (Loss)
	Mth	12 Mths	12 Mths	Actual v Budget
<u>INCOME</u>				
Giving				
Envelopes	725	14,051		
Automatic Payments	6,919	80,413		
	7,644	94,464	90,000	4,464
Loose	217	3,038	5,000	(1,962)
Donations General	359	17,033	10,000	7,033
	8,221	114,534	105,000	9,534
Fund Raising – Note 1	80	26,204	20,000	6,204
L&R Snell Trust - Note 2	21,244	21,244	10,000	11,244
Interest	275	1,658	1,000	658
Church & Hall hire	710	5,388	5,000	388
Mission - Bible Society/CWS	-	1,106	2,300	(1,194)
<u>Total Income</u>	30,530	170,135	143,300	26,835
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Administration	809	12,246	13,000	754
Christian Education	-	484	700	216
Ministry	8,225	98,607	125,650	27,043
Mission incl. Pinehaven School	-	1,650	3,400	1,750
Property Expenses	539	23,960	23,200	(760)
<u>Total Expenses</u>	9,573	136,947	165,950	29,003
<u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u>	20,956	33,188	(22,650)	55,838

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$74,078.87 at 30 June 2021.

Note 1 - Fund Raising analysis

Plants (Net)		3,063	2,000	1,063
Fair		16,795	15,000	1,795
Winter Warmers	80	3,101	3,000	101
Masks		3,245	-	3,245
	80	26,204	20,000	6,204

Note 2 - L&R Snell Trust

Lorna Snell was a member of St Margaret's who died in 2013. During her working career she had been a School Teacher and she left a significant Estate part of which was formed into a Charitable Trust on 24 April 2014. The Terms of the Trust are that:

1. 9/10th of the Annual Income be available for distribution to Member(s) of St Margaret's who are studying to become a School Teacher(s) at undergraduate or post graduate level.
2. 1/10th of the Annual Income is distributed to St Margaret's Presbyterian Church with no specific direction as to its use.
3. In the event that no candidate makes application in any year, then 9/10th of the Annual Income is to be distributed to Presbyterian Support Central.

The only distribution of income prior to this year related to 2016.

Resolution of legal issues has allowed payments to be made for 2017 through to 2020. Jeannie Don, a member of St Margaret's made a successful application to the Trust last year and received \$23,053.89, Presbyterian Support Central was paid \$143,254.09 covering 3 years and St Margaret's share for 4 years was \$21,244.34 taking the total distributions for the 4 years to \$187,552.29.

The Trust fund holds assets valued at around \$1.6 million. Payments are not permitted out of Capital.

Applications from candidates can be made through Lance Hurly who is the Trustee representing St Margaret's.

HUTT VALLEY SINGERS
presents
PUCCINI'S MESSA DI GLORIA
and other items
with guest soloists

ST. HILDA'S CHURCH,
Cruickshank Rd
2.30 p.m. Sunday 8 August

Tickets available from choir members or at the door
 Children under 18 free
 Adults \$20
 Concessions \$15



Name Tags Please wear them

How long since you picked up your name tag at the church door and put it on? We may think that everyone knows who we are, but sadly visitors and people new to the parish don't. It takes a long time for people to sort out the names of people when they are new to the parish, so please help them by wearing your name tags at all times, especially at morning tea.

August 2021

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

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

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