



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2021

GOD OF ALL LIFE...

May your love and light shine in and through me today
In a way that no mask can hide.
May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy
Replacing my hidden smile.
May my actions of care and concern
Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.
And may the generosity of my heart
Radiate out through who I am
And how I respond to the world around me
So that others may not see my mask
But your image shining out
Moving in and through me today.
Amen

Br Michael Herry fms



Greetings to you all.

I'm not sure how pleased I feel to be writing another piece for the monthly newsletter and I'm not sure how pleased you are to be reading it. As the years of my ministry at St Margaret's went by, the writing of the monthly letter began to hang over me more and more like a dark cloud. I found it wasn't easy to think of something new each month and I felt that I was getting more and more boring. But God does move in mysterious ways and here I am back to the monthly letter which, hopefully, won't be for too long.

Everything seems to have a whiff of déjà vu at the moment. As I write this we are in Level 4 lockdown again. We all know what we have to do, but we don't know how long for. I find myself listening avidly to news bulletins and watching the 1.00 p.m. briefing each day. The reality for me is that lockdown doesn't have a big impact on my life but I can understand that it does for many people. I think of parents trying to home school their children again; I think of those living alone and feeling cut off from company; I think of people fearing again for their businesses and livelihoods; and I think of those concerned for their health.

Last Sunday morning members of Session conducted worship for us and encouraged us to show gratitude every day. Being grateful is good for our mental and our physical health. We can be grateful for big things and small things. This morning I am grateful for the sun shining after gloomy, rainy days. I am grateful for a phone call last night from my son who lives in England just checking that I am OK during this latest lockdown. I am grateful for the way the members of St Margaret's are getting on with being the church in our wider community. And I am grateful for the warm reception I have received from you as Interim Moderator.

I am looking forward to working with you all again for a while as we work towards a new ministry in the future. So let's walk the way together, encouraging each other and making sure that St Margaret's continues to be strong and welcoming.

Love and blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn".

Lectionary

5 Sept. Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10,14-17
 Mark 7:24-37
 12 Sept. Proverbs 1:2-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
 19 Sept. Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37
 26 Sept. Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
 3 Oct. Job 1:1,2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Interim Moderator

Rev Lynn Russell has been appointed Interim Moderator for St Margaret's Church until a new minister is found. We are delighted that Lynn has felt able to take on this role in her retirement and grateful for her leadership as we enter a challenging new phase in the life of the parish.

The Interim Moderator has a specific role that is defined by the Presbyterian Church. She will be responsible for making sure there is a service of worship each Sunday and that Christian Education continues to be provided. The Interim Moderator also chairs Session meetings and any meetings of the congregation.

Lynn will not be taking over all the responsibilities of a parish minister. She will lead services from time to time and will be available for urgent pastoral care needs (eg. funerals), but Session will be responsible for keeping in touch with and providing help to members of the congregation. Session will also take some services as needed. At Lynn's discretion other ministers may sometimes be invited to come and take a service at St Margaret's.

The Interim Moderator has no role in the process of looking for a new minister. That is done by a Ministry Settlement Board that will be established by Presbytery Central in due course and will include representatives from Presbytery, Session and the congregation.

If you have any questions please talk to any Session member.

ST. MARGARET'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 22 September 7.30 p.m.
 in the Church Lounge**

**Copies of the Annual Report will be emailed
 out nearer the time. Please bring your
 copy with you.**

Ministry Settlement Board Update

Rev. Hana Popea-Dell has been appointed Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board for St Margaret's. Hana is currently the minister at Karori Uniting Church.

Once we are back at Alert Level 1 and able to gather at the church, a meeting of the congregation will be called to elect 4 members to the Ministry Settlement Board. We will be calling for nominations ahead of that meeting, so please take some time to consider whether you could serve in this way and/or who you would like to see representing the congregation on the board.



Thank you to everybody who contributed to the function to recognise my retirement on the 25th of July 2021. It was a great time, and a typical Saint Margaret's event filled with laughter, friendship, food and generosity. While I have yet to start working through the Retirement Survival Kit so cleverly described by the Foster lambs (Heather- Lee and Malcolm) I am considering purchasing a new camera with your generous cash gift. My thanks also to Lynne Russell for her very kind reflection on my time in ministry

in Saint Margaret's. Thank you also for the cards and best wishes. And, the butterfly now hangs on my wall.

Thank you again for the support and kindness you have given to me not just on that particular Sunday but in all my time at Saint Margaret's. Thank you And may God continue to bless you all.

Chris

A huge thank you to the St Margaret's family!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Chris' farewell such a lovely celebration of both his ministry at St Margaret's Church and his retirement.



To the children who spoke and sang so beautifully at the end of the service - thank you for your moving contribution.

And to everyone who attended the lunch, provided a wonderful array of food (remember that hot ham?!), spoke or entertained, worked in the kitchen, set up or cleaned up, or contributed to our gift to Chris - THANK YOU!

What a great church family we have!

Church Fair 2021

“Engaging with our Community”

Saturday 30 October 2021

We need your help:

- Pass on the date to all of your friends and family.
- Get all those unused goods ready to donate.
- Start preparing goods for your stalls.
- Previous stall holders will be contacted shortly.
- If you can help in any way, please contact Dean or Sheryn.

Key Dates:

- **Next Planning Meeting:** Thursday 02 September at 7.00pm at 42 Gloucester St, Silverstream.
- **Stall Holders’ Meeting:** Wednesday 15 September, 7.00pm at 42 Gloucester St, Silverstream.
- **Set-Up** from Sunday 24 October to Friday 29 October.
- **Fair Day:** Saturday 30 October 2021.

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- Sheryn Jacques, M: 021936067, sheryn.Jacques@ajpark.com



**ANNUAL TOMATO PLANT SALE
+ DEVONSHIRE TEA
ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
DUNNS STREET, SILVERSTREAM**

**SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2021
9.00 - 12.00 NOON**

**LARGE VARETY OF PLANTS AND
GARDEN ACCESSORIES**





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

PLAY GROUP

Playgroup going well, we welcome all new families. If any one has a few hours free on Thursday mornings to help, we will be happy to see you.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our Juniors and Seniors spent three weeks learning about Fruits of the Spirit. It was an interesting few weeks with games, bible verses and some very interesting discussions!

We will be having a Father's Day Supper - all going to plan. We shall see how we go with that one!

We are also after leaders for 2022. If you are interested, or know someone who would be, please get in touch with Delwyn.

CONTACTS

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

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

5 Sept. Fiona Glover/Riek Kleinjan
12 Loretta Hastie/Jacqueline Kitchen
19 Shirley Harrison/Lynley McInnarney
26 Pam Hurly/Chris Scotton
3 Oct. Debbie Chote/Jan Hill

Church Cleaning

5 Sept. Ainsley Andrews
12 Helen Bassett
19 Margaret Opray
26 Shirley Harrison
3 Oct. Fono Williams

Lawns

4 Sept. Warren Potter
18 Phil Taylor
2 Oct. Rhys West

Audio Visual

5 Sept. Alfred Enslin
12 Scott Taylor-Hall
19 Lynley McInnarney
26 Hazel O'Brien
3 Oct. David Lottering

What's On

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 1 September, 1.30 p.m. in the lounge.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Thank you to Rosenda and Lottie Upton for your demonstration making bees wax food covers at our last meeting. We all made our own food cover. Our September meeting on Wednesday 8th will be a fun social night playing Beetles games. Everyone welcome at 7.30 p.m. in the Lounge.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** - Sunday 19 September - 12.00 noon to approximately 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.

Pastoral Care at St Margaret's

As you know, St Margaret's pastoral care team are here for you. 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.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ACTUAL v BUDGET 1 MONTH JULY 2021

	Jul-21	Budget	Gain (Loss) Actual v Budget
	Mth	1 Mth	1 Mth
<u>INCOME</u>			
Giving			
Envelopes	1,155		
Automatic Payments	6,194		
	<hr/> 7,349	7,917	(568)
Loose	197	167	31
Donations General	600	833	(233)
	<hr/> 8,146	<hr/> 8,917	<hr/> (770)
Fund Raising - see below	150	-	150
L&R Snell Trust	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Church & Hall hire	261	417	(156)
Mission - Bible Society	170	300	(131)
	<hr/> 8,727	<hr/> 9,633	<hr/> (907)
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administration	2,722	2,709	14
Christian Education	582	600	(18)
Ministry	7,936	8,080	(144)
Mission Incl.Pinehaven School	-	-	-
Property Expenses	532	1,438	(905)
	<hr/> 11,772	<hr/> 12,826	<hr/> (1,054)
	<hr/> (3,046)	<hr/> (3,193)	<hr/> 147
<u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u>			
Fund Raising analysis			
Winter Warmers	150	-	150
	<hr/> 150	<hr/> -	<hr/> 150

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$70,207.56 at 31 July 2021.

The Budget is based on the figures being presented to the congregation for approval at the AGM.

Not included above are the contributions made by members of the congregation toward Rev. Chris Rosanowski's retirement (\$70 in June and \$1,765 in July 2021) and the payment to him of \$1,835.

Replacement Lawnmower

The Church mower has seen better days and a number of those on the lawn cutting roster have elected to bring their own mower when it is their turn. Andries and Marietta Labuschagne have had their near new mower serviced and very kindly donated it to St Margaret's. Thank you very much.

A PRAYER DURING COVID-19

May we, who are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand and in our small world, and are coming to terms with the new reality, remember the words of Scripture: "Be still and know that I God".

May we, who as adults struggling to process what is happening in our world, remember children who are fearful of a reality they cannot comprehend

May we, who complain about the scarcity of commodities, remember those who are working to maintain the supply chain.

May we, who observe the long queues of those seeking support, remember those for whom there is no government assistance or financial aid.

May we, who work to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity, remember those living and working in vulnerable communities.

May we, who are working from home, remember those who have no employment or home from which to work.

May we, who have access to medical facilities and services, remember those do not have basic health care.

May we, who are beginning to experience border closures, remember refugees who cannot return home.

May we give thanks for those who are working to help or bring some kindness, joy or humour to others, showing us that the light of Christ shines.

During this time of isolation, as we close our doors, may we continue to keep our hearts open to our families, friends, local and global communities.

We asked this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Anon - <https://www.stthereses.org.au/>



Bible Society New Zealand is Celebrating 175 years!

Bible Society New Zealand was founded in 1846, only six years after the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi), making it the 4th oldest organisation in the country. On the 2nd of September it will be celebrating 175 years of making the Bible accessible to everyone and encouraging interaction with it.

To celebrate, Bible Society has planned 19 events around the country. At these events they will share about the history of how the Bible came to New Zealand, including stories that show the impact the Bible has had on peoples' lives. Stories that document the role Bible Society has played in the spread of the Gospel message in New Zealand. And stories that reveal the passion and dedication for God's Word held by Christians all over the country.

They've done 14 events so far and the last five events, which includes the Wellington one, have been postponed due to the recent announcement of a continued level 4 lockdown. The new date is yet to be confirmed but they are hoping to schedule these events later in 2021.

As soon as we receive the new date from Bible Society, we will communicate this to you so you can register to attend this amazing celebration.

For more information about the 175th anniversary celebrations go to www.175.bible.

For more information about Bible Society and the work that they do, visit their website at www.biblesociety.org.nz. or visit their Facebook page.

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