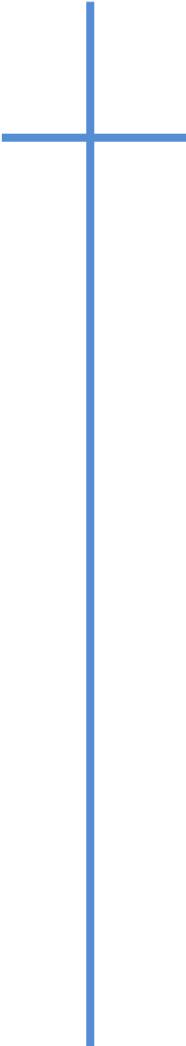




ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021



We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

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Dear Friends

It is interesting how soon a new situation becomes a routine. Already it seems natural to check that I have my mask with me as I get out of the car to go shopping. Already my old routine of looking at the readings for next Sunday on Tuesday so that my mind starts to work on what I might want to say in the next service has kicked in. Already my Spring/Summer routine of watering the garden regularly has become normal again.

Some of us remember ‘carless days’ when we had to nominate a day when we wouldn’t use our car. We had to do this because of a big petrol shortage and the fear that New Zealand might run out of petrol. I was so envious of my friends who had two cars which meant they could nominate different days for each of them and never have to manage around a day without the car. In the way of human nature as soon as I knew I couldn’t use the car on a Tuesday I *really* needed to go out that day. We had to have a sticker on our car window with our chosen day displayed in case we found ourselves tempted to sneak out and break the rules. But then the petrol began to flow again, carless days were abandoned, and everything went back to normal- the old normal.

I’m not sure we will ever be back to the old normal we knew before Covid 19 became part of our lives. It seems likely that we will have to have a Covid jab each year just as we do with the flu vaccination. Masks may remain a part of our lives. And those who choose not to be vaccinated may find their social life severely curtailed.

Many people hate rules. As soon as there is a rule about some aspect of behaviour they feel that their right to freedom has been violated. So we see anti-vax protests and anti-lockdown protests. I guess some of these protestors feel as I did about ‘carless days’. Once a border is closed they really need to get across it. As soon as the Government tells them they have to do something they become filled with suspicion. And how will they behave when rules imposed on the unvaccinated come into force?

Some people see Christianity as a faith with many rules and they don’t want any part of it. Others love the rules because it gives them certainty: do this and don’t do that and you’ll be OK. But spending your time following the small unimportant rules takes away from the time you can give to the big important rule: ‘Love God, and love your neighbour as you love yourself’. If we are following this rule we don’t need any others. And think how wonderful the world would be if everyone followed that rule. All the great world religions have a rule just like ours; a rule about treating others as we would want to be treated. But sadly there are people everywhere who just want to do as they like and never have to consider the other person.

So, let's pray that we meet that 90% vaccinated mark soon and we can start to create our new normal. And let's pray that our new normal means that we care about other people so that God's way becomes the way of the world.

Blessings to you all,

Lynn

Pastoral:

- It is with deep sadness that we record the death of John Morrison (97) on 28 October. Many will remember with fondness John's ability to make either the piano or the organ 'talk' and even if he didn't know the hymn/song, a few bars sung to him, and he would be away! We will miss him greatly.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are a few of the sketches John did of members of the congregation including a self portrait on one of the Orders of Service (during the sermon!!) when we were in the hall.



Lectionary:

7 Nov. Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17 Mark 12:38-44 Hebrews 9:24-28

14 Nov. 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hebrews 10:11-14 Mark 13:1-8

21 Nov. 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

28 Nov. Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

5 Dec. Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6



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

PLAY GROUP: No playgroup until it's safe to return. In the meantime, keep well.

GIRLS' BRIGADE: Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions Girls' Brigade have not met since Lockdown.

CONTACTS

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

What's on ... or not!

- **Afternoon Fellowship** will meet on Wednesday 3 November at 1.30 p.m. Please make sure you have your masks on before you enter the church grounds. Christmas lunch is on 1 December at the Naenae bowling club at 12.30 p.m
- **Evening Fellowship** will not be meeting in November because of the physical distancing requirements. Please note in your diaries the Christmas dinner to be held at Summerset cafeteria on Wednesday 8 December at 6.00 p.m. Menu, cost and definite numbers to be confirmed nearer the time.
- **Friendship Group** – Our Monday morning get-together in the Lounge will recommence once we return to Level 1. We look forward to meeting up with Folk again - very soon.

ST. MARGARET'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 3 November 7.30 p.m.
in the Church Lounge

Copies of the Annual Report have been emailed out.
Please bring your copy with you.



Rosters

Morning Tea

No morning tea in the meantime

Church Cleaning

7 Nov. Helen Bassett,
14 Nov. Rosenda Upton
21 Nov. Ainsley Andrews,
28 Nov. Carol McConnell
5 Dec. Margaret Opray

Lawn Mowing

13 Nov. Malcolm Galloway
27 Andries Labuschagne
11 Dec. Mike McInnarney

Audio Visual

7 Nov. Alfred Enslin
14 David Lottering
21 Lynley McInnarney
28 Chris Rosanowski
5 Dec. David Lottering

REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS
Statement of financial performance
Actual v budget 3 months July - September 2021

	Sep-21	Total	Budget	Gain (Loss)
	Mth	3 Mths	3 Mths	Actual v Budget 3 Mths
		YTD		
<u>INCOME</u>				
Giving				
Envelopes	-	1,920		
Automatic Payments	6,364	20,232		
	6,364	22,152	23,750	(1,598)
Loose	-	254	500	(246)
Donations General	100	800	2,500	(1,700)
Donations Laptop Computer	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
	7,464	24,206	26,750	(2,544)
Fund Raising - see below	-	195	-	195
L&R Snell Trust		-	-	-
Interest	315	316	250	66
Church & Hall hire	191	974	1,250	(276)
Mission - Bible Society	-	170	250	(81)
	7,971	25,860	28,500	(2,640)
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Administration	836	4,458	4,662	204
Christian Education	-	582	600	18
Ministry	600	13,158	14,875	1,717
Mission Incl. Pinehaven School	-	249	250	1
Property Expenses	627	1,724	4,313	2,588
	2,063	20,170	24,699	4,529
<u>Net Surplus (Deficit)</u>				
	5,907	5,690	3,801	1,889
Fund Raising analysis				
Winter Warmers	-	195	-	195
	-	195	-	195

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$78,868.46 at 30 September 2021.

New Laptop Computer: The Laptop that is used to support Sunday Services is to be replaced and Donations amounting to \$1,000 are shown above as a separate item.

Insurance: Premiums totaling \$4,396.83 excluding GST have been paid in October covering the year to 31 July 2021.

Plant Fair: The above figures do not include the results of the Plant Fair which was held on 16 October 2021. Net takings on the day amounted to \$3,131.05 (after payment of \$1,907.85 to Gus Evans Nurseries) and post Fair sales have brought in a further \$186.00 so far. Lorna Moir's unexpected hospitalisation meant she was unable to be present but it is a tribute to her pre-event planning and the work of many others especially Karyn Thompson, that the event went off so well.

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.

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Family Team: Contact the Minister

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John Morrison, Ray Betteridge, Len Garnham



Jo Rothbaum & John



Don Cameron



Pat Christianson



Lance Hurly with old sound system



Michael O'Brien



Lynn Russell



self portrait