



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

Shortest Day, a poem by Brian Hardie

God, we are hankering after more light
We are tired of short days and long nights.
Our feet hardly touch the floor,
We only seem to begin the day
when night closes in on us,
and we are preparing again for our beds.

God, we need more light to brighten up our day.
We need more light to find our way in the world.
We need more heat to take the stiffness out of our bones,
So we can keep up with life and laugh on at the world.

God, too much darkness makes life dull,
even on the best of days.
Lift off this dim bewilderment.
Let the bright light of your love
shine into our world to brighten up the horizon.

God, we are sick of being in the dark.
We want to feel your penetrating insight
calling in the summer, shrugging off the winter,
waking up the spring,
to make our spirit glad, and bright, full of play.

God, on the shortest day
we are craving a bit of light,
to stave off our week of night.
Make your presence felt
with fresh enlightenment,
to lift us up with the wonder
of your dawning insight, today.

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of having all our inside windows frames repainted. This has meant having to move furniture from in front of the windows. Sadly, we haven't found any treasures – just a few cobwebs, quite a bit of dust and, in the study, numerous paper clips I've dropped.

But I am thinking, this may be an opportunity for a bit of decluttering. The trouble is, though, that everything may be useful sometime. You just never know and it would be a pity to wish later that I still had something I've got rid of. I mean, how annoying if I get rid of something today and need it tomorrow. I remember when Ian and I moved to Wellington from Christchurch 21 years ago we had only been here about two weeks when Ian was lamenting a piece of wood that he'd left behind that would be absolutely perfect for some job he was doing now. Such is life! Perhaps, if the decluttering is too hard, a bit of reorganising could be useful.

There is physical decluttering and reorganising that we need to do every now and then. But there is also mental decluttering to be done. Sometimes we find ourselves bound by old ideas and ways of doing things. They may be the way our parents did a certain job and their way may not be the best way for us now. Or it may be something we have imposed on ourselves because of what we think other people expect from us. I had a friend who would never watch daytime TV because she would feel ashamed if someone arrived and caught her in the act. It was as though she thought there was something sinful about daytime TV watching. For most of us, there are outdated ways of thinking that could do with a bit of modernising and refreshing.

This also applies to the way we think about our faith. Some of us hold on to ways of believing and understanding that we were taught in Sunday School. Sometimes we need to bring these up-to-date into adult concepts and language. There may be things we have struggled with for years because of the way they were presented to us by one person talking to us when we were six years old, and which we could understand much better if we talked to others about them. Our faith needs to grow with us in age and experience. People used to say to me 'How, can you, a reasonably intelligent adult, go on believing that stuff?' My reply was 'What stuff do you think I believe?' On further investigation I would find that they had moved away from the church because of the beliefs they had learned in Sunday School and could no longer accept. I enjoyed pointing out that I didn't believe in the way I had as a child, but had updated my faith as an adult.

I'm not suggesting that we throw the baby out with the bath water but that we think in an adult way about what Christianity is offering us for our daily living. We each have our own faith journey, unique to each of us and holding its own integrity. But it can be quite refreshing to dust off some beliefs and concepts and check that they are fit for purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lynn', located at the bottom right of the page.



Sunday 26 June at 8.30 a.m. in the Lounge.

This is an event to raise money for Breast Cancer research and to enjoy having breakfast together before the morning service. On offer there will be fruit and cereal, porridge, toast and spreads, waffles and maple syrup, tea and coffee. All this for a donation to Breast Cancer research.

So, on the 26 June, don't have breakfast at home. Come with your donation, join others from the congregation, and have a fun start to your Sunday.

Graduation news

Blair McInnarney has recently graduated with a BSC in Anatomy and continues his studies in medicine; McKenzie Jacques has graduated with a BA in Education and Psychology and continues her studies in teaching and Jessica Mullis has graduated with a BCom in Business and Human Resources and continues her important role in Customs keeping our boarders safe. Congratulations to you all.

Lectionary:

5 June Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34,35b Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17
12 Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
19 1 Kings 19:1-4,8-15a Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
26 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 Galatians 5:1,13-25
Luke 9:51-62
3 July 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20



I struggle to find the words to express the appreciation I and my family feel for the love, prayers and support we have received from the people of St Margaret's over the course of Richard's illness. The meals that turned up, the help in the garden as well as the willingness of others to take on my responsibilities when I needed to make Richard my first concern were invaluable.

These, as well as your good wishes and other expression of your care and concern have helped us to get through this difficult time. It is an amazing thing to experience. My family and I will remember you with love and gratitude.

Margaret Donaldson.

Rosters

Morning Tea

5 June Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman
12 Margaret Opray/Chris Scotton
19 Loretta Hastie/Lorna Moir
26 Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
3 July Jan Hill/Ainsley Andrews

Church Cleaning

5 June Helen Bassett
12 Carol McConnell
19 Ainsley Andrews
26 Jan Hill
3 July Jean Don

Lawns

4 June Andries Labuschagne
18 Mike McInnarney
2 July Nick Tait

Audio Visual

5 June Alfred Enslin
12 David Lottering
19 Chris Rosanowski
26 Hazel O'Brien
3 July David Lottering



Tea and Chat at 2.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Jacqueline and Lynn at 2 Fendalton Cres, Pinehaven. This is taking the place of the Afternoon Fellowship which was held at this time in the Church Lounge for many years. The numbers for this group had become very small, so it was decided to open the meeting up to anyone who'd like to come and have a cup of tea (or coffee) and a chat. All welcome.

- **Evening Fellowship** - Our next meeting will be held in the lounge at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8 June. The speaker will be Terry McBeth who is chairman of NZ Poppy Places Trust. Men and Woman all welcome.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** – Sunday 19 June – 12.00 noon to approx.. 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.
- **Lunch at the Prison** – Pencil in your diary, (subject to confirmation) we will be having lunch at the prison. Further details regarding cost and time will be advised in the weekly notices, and July newsletter.
- **Play Group** – No start date yet.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

**ACTUAL V BUDGET
10 MONTHS JULY 2021 – APRIL 2022**

	Apr-22 <u>Mth</u>	Total 10 Mths YTD	Budget 10 Mths	Gain (Loss) Actual v Budget 10 Mths
<u>INCOME</u>				
Envelopes	766	8,284		
Automatic Payments	6,469	66,030		
	<u>7,235</u>	<u>74,314</u>	79,167	(4,852)
Loose	193	791	1,667	(876)
Donations General	60	2,570	8,333	(5,763)
Donations Organ & Music Fund		250	-	250
Donations Laptop Computer		1,000	-	1,000
	<u>7,487</u>	<u>78,925</u>	<u>89,167</u>	<u>(10,242)</u>
Fund Raising - see below	50	4,854	18,000	(13,146)
L&R Snell Trust		-	-	-
Interest		1,228	750	478
Church & Hall hire	117	1,569	4,167	(2,598)
Mission				
CWS Christmas Appeal		424	1,000	(576)
CWS Special Appeals (Tonga)		286	-	286
Bible Society		170	300	(131)
	<u>7,655</u>	<u>87,455</u>	<u>113,383</u>	<u>(25,929)</u>

EXPENSES

Administration	836	11,951	11,397	(554)
Christian Education	-	764	600	(164)
Ministry	693	17,277	48,667	31,390
Mission Incl.Pinehaven School	-	978	1,800	822
Property Expenses	456	10,396	20,313	9,916
<u>Total Expenses</u>	1,985	41,366	82,776	41,410
<u>Operating Surplus(Deficit)</u>	5,669	46,088	30,607	15,481
Assets expensed				
Laptop Computer		814	-	(814)
<u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u>	5,669	45,274	30,607	14,667

Fund Raising analysis

Fair (Jam March 2022)		400	15,000	(14,600)
Plant Fair net of \$1907.85 Costs		4,184	3,000	1,184
Winter Warmers	50	260	-	260
Masks		10	-	10
	50	4,854	18,000	(13,146)

The above figures do not include the transfer on 8 December 2021 of residual funds from the 25th HV Girls Brigade Co amounting to \$1,782.43 which are being held for future training.					
Funds available for general operations amounted to \$118,266.29 at 30 April 2002					

WINTER WARMERS FAIR – 14 May 2022

Not included in the above figures are Fair takings which totalled \$2,513.50. Blanket Sales \$100 and Crafts \$128.00 have since increased the total to \$2,741.50. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event, especially to Lorna Moir.

CHURCH FLOOR

We are still waiting on advice for the easiest way for us to repair the right hand side of the aisle at the front of the Church near the first and second rows of seating, so please take care near this area which has been marked off with small Orange Cones and Safety Tape.

PLASTIC TOPPED FOLDING TABLE

One of the large tables which are normally stored in the Hall or Lounge has gone missing. If anyone has any ideas, please let Lance Hurly (528 5461) know.

June 2022

Interim Moderator: Rev. Lynn Russell 528.2113
Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
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Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Family Team: Contact the Minister

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tea & Chat Session	2 Badminton	3	4
5 Communion	6 Friendship Grp Country Dancing	7	8 Evg.Fellowship	9 Badminton	10	11
12 Morn.Worship Shared Lunch	13 Friendship Grp Country Dancing	14	15 Bd. Managers	16 Badminton	17	18
19 Morn.Worship	20 Friendship Grp Country Dancing	21	22	23 Badminton	24	25
26 Morn.Worship Pink Ribbon Breakfast	27 Friendship Grp Country Dancing	28	29	30 Badminton		

Services available on Zoom each Sunday <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89367824002>