



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER MAY 2022



The River

Life is like a river that flows toward the sea.
It has a small beginning, increasing gradually
until it's in a larger place, a current deep and wide,
giving it abundance to the land on either side.

And I have questions to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin? Where does the river end?

The river has its secrets. In its depth it knows
the nature of the ocean where its water flows.
It hears the seabirds singing. It feels the touch of foam.
The sea is always calling the river to come home.

And I have questions to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin? Where does the river end.

Life is like a river and deep inside my mind,
the call of love grows stronger and I leave each day
behind.
We're moving with the current of this unseen mystery.
Already we have knowledge of the presence of the sea.

And I have questions to ask you, my friend.
Where does the sea begin? Where does the river end?

Joy Cowley – Psalms Down-Under
Publisher – Pleroma Christian Supplies, Otane. Hawkes Bay.

Dear Friends

Easter is like so many other things that we wait for and prepare for and which then come and go in a hurry. We prepared for Easter throughout Lent in our services. We celebrated Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and also noted the shadow of Holy Week that was already there on that day. We grieved through Maundy Thursday and the events of the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal by Judas and Jesus' arrest and trial. On Good Friday we shared in a quiet service as we thought about Jesus' death. And then on Easter Day we rejoiced in the new life that Easter is all about. I hope Easter was a meaningful and peaceful time for you and that you didn't eat too much chocolate.

Now we move on in our Church year to Pentecost and then the long season of ordinary readings which go right through to next Advent in late November.

Some of you may be wondering when we are going to have our new minister. I'm sorry to tell you we will be waiting for a while yet. The Ministry Settlement Board are meeting and getting on with the process to be followed. At the moment work is being done on the Parish Profile which is sent out to any minister indicating an interest in St Margaret's. This takes time to prepare so we have to be patient.

But just as life goes on for us in our personal lives, so life goes on in the Parish. We offer services each Sunday as usual. Of course, we have the extra option now of joining the service on Zoom. I think it is great to have this facility, but it doesn't make up for being there and sharing as a community. All the time Covid is with us we are all having to be careful about where we choose to go that involves a crowd. We continue to wear masks to keep ourselves and others safe. I have been very happy that we are sharing morning tea after the service again and that we will be going back to having the shared lunch from May onwards. We need the 'normal' events to keep us positive.

St Margaret's has always been a community that loves and supports each other. There is nothing to stop this continuing. We don't need a minister to keep us doing this! In this 'still not quite normal' time, let's make sure that we keep in touch with each other and that we work hard to keep our parish alive and well.



Pastoral:

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret Donaldson and family. Richard died peacefully at home on Sunday 10 April 2022.
- Pat Lerwill recently had a fall and broke her hip which has resulted in a full hip replacement. We extend our best wishes to Pat for a full recovery.
- Those of you who have been in the parish a long time may remember Arthur & Vera Treble who lived on Fergusson Drive. Vera died on Tuesday 12 April. They have lived in Cambridge for some years.

Lectionary:

1 May Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
 8 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
 15 Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelations 21:1-6 John 14:23-29
 22 Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29
 29 Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelations 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
 John 17:20-26
 5 June Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34,35b Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17

Rosters**Morning Tea**

1 May Chris Scotton/Ainsley Andrews
 8 Jan Hill/Pam Hurly
 15 Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
 22 Derilene Aston/Jacqueline Kitchen
 29 Lorna Moir/Margaret Opray
 5 June Lin Coleman/Karen Coleman

Lawns

7 May Malcolm Galloway
 21 Richard Harrison
 4 June Andries Labuschagne
 18 Mike McInnarney

Audio Visual

1 May David Lottering
 8 Hazel O'Brien
 15 Alfred Enslin
 22 David Lottering
 29 Hazel O'Brien
 5 June Alfred Enslin

Church Cleaning

1 May Ainsley Andrews
 8 Fono Williams
 15 Shirley Harrison
 22 Rosenda Upton
 29 Lynley McInnarney
 5 June Helen Bassett



Winter Warmers

14 May 2022

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

St. Margaret's Church

Dunns Street, Silverstream

**We will be selling anything that
reflects the good things about
winter**

**Warm clothes (old & new); jackets,
hats, scarves, beanies, books,
puzzles**

Soup Cafe

Lorna Moir 528.2681



- **Badminton** has recommenced on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall. Bring your own racket and wear soft shoes. For further information contact Trevor English 527.8366.
- **Evening Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 11 May, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. Our speaker will be Janette McKeivitt - "Anecdotes from a career in child development". Please remember to bring along your item for the Winter Warmers raffle basket. If you have forgotten what you chose, just ask Lois to check.
- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** – Sunday 15 May – 12.00 noon to approx.. 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.
- **Wednesday drop in afternoon tea** (replacing Afternoon Fellowship). 1st Wednesday in month (next one : 4th May) 2.00 p.m. - 2 Fendalton Crescent. All welcome. No need to bring a plate!

At a special meeting held on Sunday 3 April the congregation approved the Ministry Settlement Board (MSB) report to Presbytery Central on the life and health of St Margaret's Church.

That report recommended that St Margaret's should be allowed to proceed with seeking a full-time National Ordained Minister. The final decision on that recommendation rests with Presbytery Central, and its Leadership Workgroup is currently considering the report.

In the meantime, the St Margaret's MSB members, together with Session, have continued work on developing a Parish Profile for St Margaret's. This is an important document that provides a wide range of information about St Margaret's - our people, our local and wider community, our worship, our buildings, our groups and activities etc. A draft Parish Profile will be considered by the MSB at the end of April.



Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's MAY 2022

PLAY GROUP

St Margaret's playgroup are wanting to start again in Term Two. We would like to add new helpers for Thursday mornings. No start date yet confirmed. Please contact me, Ainsley, 0273873302 or 5278090. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We hope the children had a fun school holidays and we look forward to welcoming them back on Sunday 8 May (Mothers Day).

CONTACTS

Sunday School Nicki - 5288106 **Playgroup** Ainsley - 5278090
Youth Group Jo - 021616376 or Delena 9776338

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

**ACTUAL v BUDGET
9 MONTHS JULY 2021 - MARCH
2022**

	Mar-22 <u>Mth</u>	Total 9 Mths YTD	Budget 9 Mths	Gain (Loss) Actual v Budget 8 Mths
<u>INCOME</u>				
Giving				
Envelopes	813	7,519		
Automatic Payments	7,614	59,561		
	8,427	67,080	71,250	(4,170)
Loose	84	598	1,500	(902)
Donations General	1,120	2,510	7,500	(4,990)
Donations Organ & Music Fund		250	-	250
Donations Laptop Computer		1,000	-	1,000
	9,631	71,438	80,250	(8,812)
Fund Raising - see below	400	4,804	18,000	(13,196)
L&R Snell Trust		-	-	-
Interest	570	1,228	750	478
Church & Hall hire		1,451	3,750	(2,299)
Mission				
CWS Christmas Appeal	20	424	1,000	(576)
CWS Special Appeals (Tonga)		286	-	286
Bible Society		170	300	(131)
<u>Total Income</u>	10,622	79,800	104,050	(24,250)

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 \$112,730.17 at 31 March 2002

RETIREMENT FROM MANAGERS: Martin Barr has retired from Managers. He joined the Board in June 2012 and has been an integral member since but support for his family and increased business commitments especially since COVID-19, have understandably led to his decision. Martin also provided valuable input to our Health & Safety Committee. Thankyou Martin.

CHURCH FLOOR: The right hand side of the aisle at the front of the Church near the first and second rows of seating has been marked off with small Orange Cones and Safety Tape. This marks part of the floor which needs repair and we are looking at options for fixing this so please take care around this area.

ENVELOPE, AP, and INTERNET BANKING RECEIPTS

Receipts for the Tax year ended 31 March 2022 have been issued, mostly via Email, but if you have not received yours, please contact Lance Hurly. These Receipts can be used to claim Rebates from IRD for 33c in \$, subject to the level of the individual’s taxable income. The following table shows how donations can increase if the annual Rebates are progressively added to each year’s contribution.

Year	Basic Donation	Rebate @ 33 c in \$	Donation + Rebate
1	100.00		100.00
2	100.00	33.00	133.00
3	100.00	43.89	143.89
4	100.00	47.48	147.48
5	100.00	48.67	148.67
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 173.04	\$ 673.04

If you would like more information about this system, please talk to Lance Hurly, Envelope Treasurer (528 5461) or Jacqueline Kitchen, Envelope Secretary (528 2113).

May 2022

Interim Moderator: Rev. Lynn Russell 528.2113 **Family Team:** Contact the Minister
Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>
Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462 **Facebook:** St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Friendship Gr	3	4 Session	5 Badminton	6	7
8 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	9 Friendship Gr	10	11 Evg. Fellowship	12 Badminton	13	14 Winter Warmers
15 Morn. Worship	16 Friendship Gr	17	18 Bd. Managers	19 Badminton	20	21
22 Morn. Worship	23 Friendship Gr	24	25	26 Badminton	27	28
29 Morn. Worship	30 Friendship Gr	31				

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