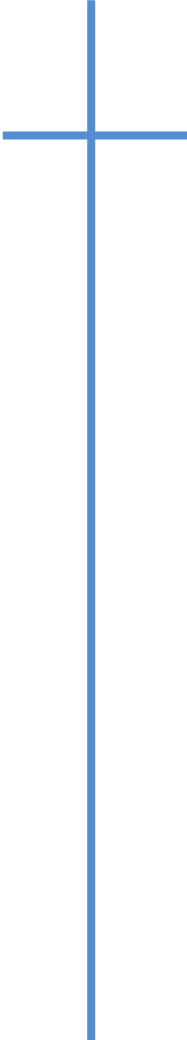




ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
JULY 2022



**God be with you in every pass,
Jesus be with you on every hill,
Spirit be with you on every stream,
Headland and ridge and lawn;
Each sea and land,
Each moon and meadow,
Each lying down, each rising up,
In the trough of the waves,
On the crest of the billows,
Each step of the journey you go.**

**Passionately and unconditionally
God loves.
Completely and utterly
God loves.
Now and forever
God loves.**

Liz Babbs
'Celtic Treasure'

Dear Friends,

I have been feeling a bit less than my usual cheerful self lately. Usually I'm a 'glass half full' person rather than a 'glass half empty' person. I've been trying to work out what has caused the change. I'm putting it down to Covid and mask wearing, Winter, some ugly behaviour and attitudes in New Zealand, and too much bad news on TV, on radio, and in the newspaper. I should remember that bad news gets more coverage than good news. We hear if a plane crashes but we never hear how many planes land safely every day. We hear if someone commits a crime but never hear how many acts of kindness are committed every day. So it's time to look for the positive instead of concentrating on the negative.

Of course, we are saddened by the death of someone we know, or brought down by thinking of the war in Ukraine, or worried about the rising cost of living. Of course we are offended by the misogyny that women politicians and those in positions of power have to put up with. It is right that we wonder what sort of nation we are becoming – sometimes I think I hardly recognise New Zealand in these times. It is part of our humanity that we care about such events and think of those affected by such happenings. We do what we can to help.

But we must also look for the positives that we can celebrate and enjoy. Sometimes we have to look behind the negatives to find the positives. There are hundreds of New Zealanders working to support families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet. There are people donating food to be given to those who are hungry. There are groups working to find affordable accommodation for the homeless. Kindness and consideration are alive and well in Aotearoa but not always brought to our attention.

By the time you read this letter we will have celebrated our first Matariki holiday. I think anything that gives workers an extra day's holiday is a good thing. But I hope that we all thought about what Matariki means in a multi-ethnic country. It is good to celebrate with our friends and neighbours who have different cultures to us. We are enriched by sharing these occasions.

A couple of weeks ago, the Session led our worship and shared with us about Matariki. We had a great Matariki children's song with actions. One of the readings was Galatians 3:23-29. Lynley McInnarney shared with us about this reading and how well it aligned with Matariki. I share some of Lynley's thoughts with you:

'Galatians 3: 23-29 expresses God's love for all people and closes with the well-known phrase that there are no longer any differences that divide us for we are all one in Christ Jesus...

For a long time, we have walked a path of healing towards uniting the dominant cultures of our country, and acknowledging Matariki in this way is an important step in this process.

As you all know, Matariki signals the Māori New Year that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster. It is a time of renewal, reflection, goal setting and celebration. Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends, to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.”

Thank you, Lynley. You have helped me and I’m sure others, to take hold of the positive and face the future with renewed hope.



Personal

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Beverly Shaw and family. Evan Shaw died on 23 June 2022.
- We are also thinking of Pam & Lance Hurly at this time. Pam’s mother died recently at Summerset – she would have been 100 in October.
- Also in our thoughts is Pat Rainey whose nephew and brother died recently. Pat’s sister is also very unwell in Dunedin.
- Congratulations to our very own Taira Main for being selected to play Uruguay in the National Japanese rugby team the Brave Blossoms.
- Congratulations to Mary Money who received a Queen’s Service Medal for services to Girl Guides, women and the community.
- **Youth Group** - Covid has continued to disrupt our meetings this term! We're pleased to have Delena back in one piece now! We have a cunning plan to help run part of a service in the near future and our meetings continue to focus on connection, faith, food and friendship. Looking forward to seeing more of our rangatahi this term, wishing all our families and young people warmth and wellness. Join us on our messenger page for updates by getting in touch with Delena or Jo.

Lectionary:

3 July 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20
 10 Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
 17 Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
 24 Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
 31 Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9,43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
 7 Aug. Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Update from the Ministry Settlement Board

The MSB is excited that Presbytery have approved St Margaret's Silverstream MSB seek a full-time National Ordained Minister. The next step is to forward our Expectations of Ministry (Advertisement) for national circulation by Presbytery and ask for responses by 30 September 2022. Our church profile has also been completed and approved by Session.

Wednesday 13 July 12.00 noon
at Chrissy's Bistro, Naenae Bowling Club.
\$12.00 (Gold card holder) + \$3.00 ice cream sundae



This lunch is instead of having an evening meeting in mid winter! Everyone from St. Margaret's (and their friends) are welcome. We had pencilled a booking at the Prison, but unfortunately they are currently unable to cater for the public.

The menu at Chrissy's is varied, and the meals substantial!

I need to book, so will need names by Thursday 7 July. Parking could be limited, so will arrange car pooling.

Jacqueline Kitchen
 045282113
 0274546262

Rosters

Morning Tea

4 July Jan Hill/Ainsley Andrews
 11 Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster
 18 Derilene Aston/Chris Scotton
 25 Pam Hurly/Ruth Mackinder

Church Cleaning

3 July Jean Don
 10 Shirley Harrison
 17 Fono Williams
 24 Rosenda Upton
 7 Aug Karen Coleman

Lawns

2 July Nick Tait
 16 Chris Upton
 30 Clive McGovern
 13 Martin Barr

Audio Visual

3 July David Lottering
 10 Alfred Enslin
 17 Hazel O'Brien
 24 Chris Rosanowski
 31 David Lottering
 7 Aug. Alfred Enslin



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. Anyone who'd like to come and have a cup of tea (or coffee) and a chat is very welcome.

- **Scrapbooking & Cardmaking** – Sunday 17 July – 12.00 noon to approx.. 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.
- **St Margaret's Church Fair 2022.**

The Church Fair planning committee convened in mid June to commence planning for the 2022 Fair. Given that the Fair was cancelled in 2021 because of Covid 19 restrictions, this year's Fair will be a big one!

The Fair will be held after Labour Weekend, with the exact date to be confirmed in July. Key information at this stage:

- If you would like to run a stall, please contact Sheryn Jacques to confirm details.
- Please identify any items you may be able to donate. Drop-off dates will be advised in due course.
- Unfortunately, the tomato plant sale will not be going ahead this year, but we will run a plant stall as part of the Fair (donations of plants, bulbs etc would be gratefully accepted).
- If you can help (in any capacity) please advise Dean or any member of the Fair Planning Committee.

We will keep you updated as planning progresses in the coming months.

Dean Paul - Fair Convenor

FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS (*See separate attached financial statement*)

WINTER WARMERS FAIR – 14 May 2022 - Takings banked in May amounted to \$2,771.50 (including \$100 Blankets and \$128 Crafts) and a further \$84.00 has been added so far in June 2022. Thanks were expressed in last month's Newsletter to those who worked so hard to make this such a success especially Lorna Moir and the opportunity is taken to again repeat those thanks.

CHURCH FLOOR - Thanks to Greg Foster (Heather Lee and Malcolm's son) and Richard Harrison, the floor has now been repaired and varnished.

PLASTIC TOPPED FOLDING TABLE - The missing table has been returned – thank you.

MAINTENANCE REGISTER - There is a register in the kitchen where users can record details of any items that need repair and it would be appreciated if this is filled in when problems are identified. There have been a number of incidents recently where these have been left until someone else comes across them, often by chance.



We had a very enjoyable get together and breakfast on Sunday 26 June. Thank you to all the people who so generously donated to Breast cancer research. You gave \$610.00. Thank you to Lynley and family for the waffles, which were a big drawcard! We are also grateful to Carol McConnell for creating the wow factor with all the pink balloons. We couldn't miss the "pink" theme!





July 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion	4 Friendship Gr County Dancing	5	6 Tea & Chat Session	7 Badminton	8	9
10 Morn.Worship Shared lunch	11 Friendship Gr County Dancing	12	13 Lunch - Naenae	14 Badminton	15	16
17 Morn.Worship Scrapbooking & cardmaking	18 Friendship Gr County Dancing	19	20 Bd. Managers	21 Badminton	22	23
24 Morn.Worship	25 Friendship Gr County Dancing	26	27	28 Badminton	29	30
31 Morn.Worship						

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