



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022



### **In the Silence**

Hold back our words, O God

May we fold them away  
And unfold  
the silence

And let that silence hold us  
The silence behind everything  
The lacuna  
the great curve  
that remains  
when the noise has gone

May we hold back on filling in the silences  
and rather seek them out  
where we can expand in their spaces  
and not crushed in by the noise

And listen for you

Make ourselves open to what hasn't yet been said  
finalised by words  
boxed in with explanation  
and grow in the silence  
so full of possibility  
and the unknown  
such is the promise of silence

You, O God  
are perhaps silent  
but that doesn't mean you are quiet  
may we be alive to your presence  
holding everything

So be it

*Listening to the Stones: Mucky Paws*

Dear friends

I have got myself out of my sickbed to write this letter. I must be feeling better because a couple of days ago I would have said my deathbed. Ever since COVID started 3 years ago I have felt very sympathetic towards those unfortunate enough to catch the virus. Now that I have joined the ranks of those who've had it, I am very, very sympathetic.

I have been thinking about how hard it is to stand in the shoes of those suffering illness or deprivation or fear until you have experienced what they are going through. As a mother I never had to worry if I would be able to feed my children or pay the rent to keep a roof over our heads. I did experience a level of poverty as a child. The flat my mother and I lived in was very basic and a bit damp. There was no bathroom so we washed and cleaned our teeth in the kitchen sink. There was an outside toilet and a washhouse with a copper to do the washing in. There was only one bedroom so I shared with my mother. Some days, especially just before Mum got her weekly pay packet, I didn't have lunch to take to school when I was in High School. I think all this has helped me to understand just a bit what it is like for people today.

The worst thing about not being able to truly empathise with someone in need is the temptation to make judgements about what has brought them to this situation. It is easy to say it must be their fault in some way, but that is really unfair. Many people work hard at more than one job and what they get paid is still not enough to pay the high rents and the rising cost of food. It has become cheaper to live on takeaways than good fruit, vegetables and meat.

One of the things I have noticed in my work with Victim Support is that those with the least are often the most generous to those in need. People might have very little but still share what they can with others. That is truly sacrificial giving.

One of the things that Jesus shows us in his life is to do what we can for others without checking them out first. When the Roman Centurion's daughter was ill, Jesus was straight there to heal her. When someone came to Jesus for help, he was there for them straight away.

Before we judge anyone or wonder if they are worthy of our help, let's try hard to imagine what it would be like to be in their shoes. Even try walking a mile or two with them.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lynn', written in black ink.

## Personal

- Our thought and prayers are with the family of Bev Walker who died in Christchurch on 9 July 2022. Bev was a regular member of the church family until her health deteriorated and she moved to be nearer to some members of her family. Bev's funeral was held in St. Margaret's.



- The family of Beverley Shaw are also in our thoughts. Beverley died on 19 July just one month after her husband Evan (18 June).



## Lectionary:

7 Aug. Isaiah 1:1,1,10-20 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40

14 Isaiah 5:1-11 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

21 Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

28 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14

4 Sept. Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 7 September 7.30 p.m.**  
**Church Lounge**

**Reports due no later than**  
**Sunday 14 August**

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

1 Aug. Karen Coleman/Lin Coleman  
 8 Margaret Donaldson/Loretta Hastie  
 15 Shirley Harrison/Jacqueline Kitchen  
 22 Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster  
 29 Lorna Moir/Chris Scotton  
 5 Sept. Sue Taylor/Delwyn Fredrickson

### Church Cleaning

7 Aug. Karen Coleman  
 14 Lynley McInnarney  
 21 Carol McConnell  
 28 Jan Hill  
 4 Sept. Helen Bassett

### Lawns

13 Aug. Martin Barr  
 27 Warren & Toby Potter  
 10 Sept. Phil Taylor

### Audio Visual

7 Aug. Alfred Enslin  
 14 Hazel O'Brien  
 21 David Lottering  
 28 Hazel O'Brien  
 4 Sept. Chris Rosanowski



**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 21 August – 12.00 noon to approx.. 3.00 p.m. in the church lounge. Phone Pam Hurly for more details 528.5461.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Thank you to everyone who came to Lunch at Naenae Bowling Club. Big thanks to Jackie for organising and sorting car pooling. Much appreciated.  
 Our August meeting will be on Wednesday 10 August in our Lounge at 7.30 p.m. All are most welcome to join us. Our speaker will be Briar Foster and the title of her talk is 'Maritime Incident Response'.

## Save the Date! Church Fair: Saturday 29 October 2022

### Key Information:

- The plant sale will be combined with the Fair this year.
- If you would like to run a stall, contact Sheryn Jacques on 021 936067.
- The stall-holders meeting will be on Thursday 15 September 2022 (more details to follow)
- Start preparing any goods for donation (collection details to follow).
- If you can assist in any way, contact Dean Paul on 021 954592.

We look forward to your assistance and support!



**L-R Isobelle Rothwell,  
McKenzie Brewer & Zoe  
Rothbaum.**

**Below: L-R  
Sandi & Isobelle Rothwell  
Vicki & McKenzie Brewer,  
Zoe & Jo Rothbaum**



**BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE For YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Jun-22	<u>2022</u> ACTUAL	<u>2022</u> BUDGET	Gain (Loss) Actual 2022 v Budget
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
<b>Giving</b>				
Envelopes	605	10,263	95,000	(5,399)
Automatic Payments	6,594	79,338		
Loose	196	1,182	2,000	(818)
Donations General	180	3,870	10,000	(6,130)
DonationsMusicFund	-	250	-	250
	7,575	94,903	107,000	(12,097)
<b>Fundraising - see below</b>	134	7,690	20,000	(12,310)
<b>L&amp;R Snell Trust</b>	-	-	5,000	(5,000)
<b>Interest</b>	761	1,989	1,000	989
<b>Church &amp; Hall hire</b>	435	2,082	5,000	(2,918)
<b>Mission</b>				
CWS Christmas Appeal	-	424	1,000	(576)
CWS Special Appeals	-	286	300	(14)
Bible Society	-	170	300	(131)
25th GirlsBrigadeTfr	-	1,782	-	1,782
Hospital Chaplaincy	-	-	200	(200)

Minister's retirement Contributions	-	<b>1,835</b>	-	1,835
PCANZ Global Mission/EQ Appeal	-	-	<b>500</b>	(500)
Pink Ribbon Breakfast	615	<b>615</b>	-	615
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<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>9,520</b>	<b>111,775</b>	<b>140,300</b>	<b>(28,525)</b>
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<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
Administration	836	<b>13,554</b>	<b>14,100</b>	546
Christian Education	-	<b>764</b>	<b>600</b>	(164)
Ministry	479	<b>18,491</b>	<b>82,250</b>	63,759
Mission incl. Pinehaven School	615	<b>3,428</b>	<b>3,100</b>	(328)
Property Expenses	540	12,406	<b>23,250</b>	10,844
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<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>48,643</b>	<b>123,300</b>	<b>74,657</b>
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<b><u>Operating Surplus(Deficit)</u></b>	<b>7,050</b>	<b>63,133</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>46,132</b>
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<b>Assets expensed</b>				
Laptop Computer	-	<b>814</b>	-	(814)
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<b><u>Net Surplus(Deficit)for year</u></b>	<b>7,050</b>	<b>62,319</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>45,318</b>
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**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	134	3,096	2,000	1,096
Masks	-	10	-	10
	<u>134</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-12,310</u>

The above figures are a summary of what is expected to be in the Financial Accounts to be presented in the Annual Report but are subject to review.

The transfer of residual funds on 8 December 2021 from the 25th HV Girls Brigade Company amounting to \$1,782.43 which are being held for future training are now included under Mission Appeals.

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$133,589.08 at 30 June 2022.

Contributions to the Pink Ribbon Breakfast held on Sunday 26 June amounted to \$615.00 and have been passed on to the Breast Cancer Foundation who have thanked us for this donation. Well done to all those involved in this initiative.



# August 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 Friendship Grp Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	2 Pilates 6-7pm	3 Tea & Chat Session	4 Badminton	5	6
7 Communion	8 Friendship Grp Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	9 Pilates 6-7pm	10 Evg.Fellowship	11 Badminton	12	13
14 Morn. Worship Shared lunch AGM Reports due	15 Friendship Grp Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	16 Pilates 6-7pm	17 Bd Managers	18 Badminton	19	20
21 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking & cardmaking	22 Friendship Grp Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	23 Pilates 6-7pm	24	25 Badminton	26	27
28 Morn. Worship	29 Friendship Grp Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	30 Pilates 6-7pm	31			

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