



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

Aotearoa Jesus

Lord, that day on the beach,
I saw your footprints on damp sand
Between foam and drifts of pipi shells,
And like a child, I place my feet in them,
My heart leaping with recognition.
“You are here, God! You walk with us!”
You laughed in the sun-soaked air and said,
“Dear One, I’ve always been here.
Simply look with the eyes of yours heart.”

After that, I saw you in the bush after rain.
You were a light in every tree and fern,
A bright burning that gathered all creation
Not a shining Oneness, and I felt like Moses
Standing awe-struck, on holy ground.
“You are here, God! You walk with us!”

You touched the eyes of my heart,
When you danced on Auckland harbour,
When you sang with the voice of a tui
In a tree in parliament grounds.
But it was today that you showed me
Your deepest and dearest secret.
You wore a suit, a sari, pink jandals,
A jacket with a gang patch, rosary beads.

You were on a bike. You drove a Honda.
You did a fancy leap off the footpath
On your brand new skateboard.
You had a latte in one hand and a cellphone in the other.
Dear Lord, you were everywhere!

Then I saw my reflection
In the window of a shop
And my heart stopped in wonder.
You are here, God! You walk in me.

Joy Cowley
‘Come and See’
Pleroma Christian Supplies
Otane, Hawkes Bay. NZ

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on yet another wet day. I don't remember a winter that has been as wet as this one. We have a dip in our lawn which usually becomes a pond in winter, but this year it has become a lake. So far we have resisted the temptation to engage builders to get started on our ark. But then, just as we are feeling pretty sorry for ourselves we remember the saying 'No matter what happens, there is always someone worse off than us'.

Parts of Aotearoa New Zealand have endured flooding and slips which have led to people having to leave their homes not knowing when they can return or what they will return to. For some of these people this is the second or third time this has happened for them in twelve months. Our lake has not come near the house.

We go to the supermarket and we are appalled at the cost of fruit and vegetables. But imagine if you are the growers having to watch the floods ruin their produce. Or imagine not being able to afford to buy what your family needs.

A few days ago I talked with my son who lives in southern England. They are on strict water restrictions because of the heat wave and the subsequent drought. Their farmers are having to watch their crops shrivel up in the heat and they are not allowed to irrigate. We have high inflation affecting the prices of goods in the shops. The inflation rate in the UK is worse than ours. And the UK is not the only country in the Northern Hemisphere struggling with heat and drought and inflation.

We all know that climate change is a reality and governments have to take decisions that will reverse the effects of climate change before it is too late. The problem is that we know what needs to be done but we don't like the changes that we will all have to make. Governments are scared to be brave and strong and make the hard decisions because they worry that they will be out of office at the next election. We want climate change fixed but without the pain that we will have to endure.

It is true that there will be people worse off than us as climate change continues. Our neighbours in the Pacific may be the first to feel the real effects as their islands go under water. Other countries that rely on the use of fossil fuels will be hit hard when the use of coal has to end and when oil becomes more expensive and even scarce.

When we have to make changes, we will need to stop just thinking of ourselves and moaning about the wet winters and the hot, dry summers and the cost of vegetables. We will have to do what we can for others who are worse off and remind ourselves that it is our calling to show care for the earth and compassion for the people of the earth, even if it costs us. As Christians we can do no less.



Lectionary

4 Sept. Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 Philemon 1:1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

11 Sept. Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

18 Sept. Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

25 Sept. Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 Psalm 91:1-6,14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

2 Oct. Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Recently during a church service Lynn was talking to the children about the Commonwealth Games and how fast some of the athletes ran. Lynn put the challenge out for one of the children to run down the aisle to the back of the church and up to the front. Sophie Galloway was up for the challenge and ran with speed. Lynn then gave Sophie the heavy pulpit Bible to carry, and although Sophie made a good effort, she wasn't quite as fast.

One of our clever poet's (he says he's Anon but we know his name begins with R) has written a poem.

The Worlds Fastest Word

The Games done and dusted - our ev`nings were free
 But then Sunday came and - Oh Gosh Lordy Me!
 The Rev`rend she changed things and gave us no slack
 Arranging a race down the aisle and back.

Well Sophie was first and made a great start
 She sped round the turn- she`s as fast as a dart
 (The ground was now shaking it caused great concern
 Our forebears all grave-bound had heaved a great turn)

But wait just a moment - the best was to come
 The Rev`rend was laughing - the fun just begun.
 The mighty big Bible she placed in the hands
 Of Sophie our hero and her arms sort of sagged.

She waited a while for the Rev to say go
 Then followed the course with the Bible in tow.
 Her time was quite fast and her effort was good
 St Margs` can lay claim to "The Worlds Fastest Word"
 Anon



*We are all busy, but can you spare an hour or two from
time to time*

- **Morning tea** on Sunday morning – you will not be expected to do it on your own and an experienced person will be with you.
- **Lawn mowing** – you don't have to provide your own mower. Your turn will come around 3-4 times a year.
- **Church Cleaning** – This involves dusting and vacuuming the church; all in your own time before Sunday.
- **Audio Visual** – You do need to be familiar with a computer, but full training will be given. Help needed about every 5-6 weeks during Sunday services.

Please contact Hazel (528.9117) and she will put you in touch with the relevant convenor

Bath time
for Baby
Bible
Characters



Moses



JUST THE DUCK
JUST THE DUCK!



Jonah



ROSTERS

Morning Tea

- 4 Sept. Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
11 Margaret Opray/Jan Hill
18 Riek Kleinjan/Pam Hurly
25 Derilene Aston/Jacqueline Kitchen
2 Oct. Karen Coleman/Lin Coleman

Church Cleaning

- 4 Sept. Helen Bassett
11 Ainsley Andrews
18 Fono Williams
25 Rosenda Upton
2 Oct. Jean Don

Lawns

- 10 Sept. Phil Taylor
24 Rhys West
8 Oct. Vern Bennett

Audio Visual

- 4 Sept. David Lottering
11 Alfred Enslin
18 Hazel O'Brien
25 David Lottering
2 Oct. Alfred Enslin

Church Fair Saturday 29 October 2022.

Our annual Church Fair will be held on Saturday 29 October 2022, and your Fair Committee is busy with planning for the event.

Key Messages and Support Requests:

- **Stall Holders' Meeting;** A coordination meeting will be held for all Stall Holders at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 42 Gloucester St.
- **Plants & Seedlings;** We would be grateful for any indoor or outdoor plants for the Plant Stall. As you start your spring garden clean-up, please keep this in mind.
- **Stall Sponsorship;** Donations to assist Stall Holders' with the cost of ingredients and materials would be gratefully accepted. If you would like to donate, please contact Sheryn.
- **Raffle & Lucky Dip Donations;** Boxes have been placed in the hallway at Church for any raffle & lucky dip items.
- **Flyers;** Flyers will be available for distribution towards the end of September (details to follow).
- **Goods Collection;** Goods collection will commence from mid October (details to follow).
- **Spread the Word;** Please let your friends and family know about the fair. Goods donations and offers of help will be gratefully accepted.

Points of Contact:

- **Dean Paul** – Convenor (021 954 592).
- **Sheryn Jacques & Lynley McInnarney** – Stall Coordinators (Sheryn - 021 936 067, Lynley – 027 278 0010).
- **Delena West** – Advertising and Communications Coordinator (021 332 449).
- **Malcolm Galloway** – Goods Collection and Disposal Coordinator (021 7620633).

Your support is greatly appreciated

Kind regards

Dean
Fair Convenor

CHURCH FAIR - PLANT STALL - HELP NEEDED

This year we are relying on donations from our church community for our plant stall. We are happy to come and collect, divide, dig from your garden and store until the fair. We would appreciate anything garden related! If you have any of the following can you please contact Rosenda 021848840 or Ray 0274846738.

- Plants in your garden that you could divide or propagate
- Succulents
- Bulbs & tubers
- Pots of all sizes (not plastic please)
- Gardening magazines and books
- Gardening tools
- Labeled potted plants ready to go - this would be amazing!

It would be really appreciated if you could start potting them up now so the plants are well established for the day of the fair.

Thank you so much

Rosenda & Ray



Upper Hutt Foodbank

The Foodbank wishes to express its gratitude to members of the Congregation who are providing groceries and cash which are dedicated with the weekly offering. This is very much appreciated. St Margaret's also provides a number of volunteers to help at the public appeals held in May and November; some new names need to be added to the list. Silverstream Lions Club now cover the local New World with St Margaret's doing Countdown Queen St. If you can help on 19 November 2022 please let Lance Hurly know - 528 5461.

Upcoming EVENTS

- **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.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 September in the Lounge at 7.30 p.m. Lin Coleman will chat about Florence Nightingale; her history and her take on modern day health. All welcome to join us for meeting and supper.

YOUTH GROUP

We are enjoying some continuity and being able to be together again. We've been enjoying baking, chocolate and cheese and crackers each week. We're planning a sleepover soon along with talk of a potluck dinner - we do like our kai!! Watch this space and our group chat for details. Delena and Jo



BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
1 Month July 2022

Month
Jul
Month

INCOME

Giving

Envelopes	800
Automatic Payments	6,679
	7,479
Loose	111
Donations General	620
Donations Organ & Music Fund (Morrison Family)	5,000
	13,210

Fund Raising 102

Property Income

Church & Hall hire 435

Total Income 13,746

EXPENSES

Administration 2,758

Christian Education 582

Ministry 571

Mission -

Property Expenses 799

Total Expenses 4,711

Net Surplus(Deficit) for year to date 9,036

This is the first month of the new Financial Year

No Budget is shown as this has not yet been approved at the AGM

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$138,867.25 at 31 July 2022.

September 2022

Interim Moderator: Rev. Lynn Russell 528.2113
Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
Family Team: Contact the Minister
Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz> **Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dancing 6.15 – 7.15 Badminton	2	3 Dancing 9.30-10.30
4 Communion Dancing 3-4 pm	5 Friendship Ctr Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	6 Pilates 6-7pm	7 Tea & Chat Session	8 Dancing Badminton	9	10 Dancing
11 Morn. Worship Shared lunch Dancing 3-4 pm	12 Friendship Ctr Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	13 Pilates 6-7pm	14 Evng.Fellowship	15 Dancing Badminton	16	17 Dancing
18 Morn. Worship Scrapbooking Dancing 3-4 pm	19 Friendship Ctr Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	20 Pilates 6-7pm	21 Bd. Managers	22 Dancing Badminton	23	24 Dancing
25 Morn. Worship Dancing 3-4 pm	26 Friendship Ctr Ctry Dancing Pilates 6-8 pm	27 Pilates 6-7pm	28	29 Dancing Badminton	30	

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