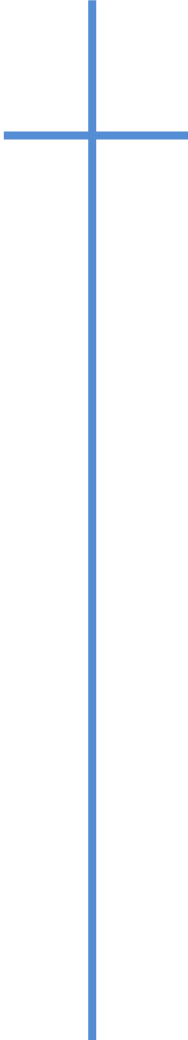




ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

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She hired a plumber to help her restore an old farmhouse, and he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit, and his ancient one-ton truck refused to start. While she drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited her in to meet his family. As they walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles, and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward, he walked back to the car. They passed the tree, and her curiosity got the better of her. She asked him about what she had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure; those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So, I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning, I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Found on the net.

At the time of writing this article, Winter Warmers is 2 days away. I have been sitting thinking what a great title that is for our winter fair.

Winter is the season that, for many people, is the gloomy season. Darker, rainier and restrictive in what we can do outdoors. But, winter also evokes feelings of warm fires, hot chocolate and curling up under a soft blanket with a book. Warmth becomes more of a comfort and sense of safety from the elements in the wintertime.

1 John 1: 22 (God's Word Translation) tells us to *'Love each other with a warm love that comes from the heart. After all, you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth. As a result, you have a sincere love for each other.'*

Thank you to the organisers who worked so hard to make 'Winter Warmers' such a success. Thank you to everyone who donated goods to be sold at the fair. And, thank you to all who came along and enjoyed the day with us. My hope is that the fair brought warmth into the lives of many people in our community, not just through the purchasing of warm clothes and blankets, but especially through the interactions with the loving people here at St Margaret's.

As we launch into the winter season, may we all be reminded of the opportunities that we will have to warm people's hearts in our community with our love and care. Let us take hold of and make the most of these opportunities.

Rodney

Rev Rodney Ramsay



Winter warmers 2023

The group that no one wants to belong to

Each Sunday a group of mostly women, (but men do join in) meet for lunch together so that they will not be going home to an empty house. Sadly, there are a number of people who fit this category in our church and it's fun to share in a time of fellowship together.

The day after the Coronation, we gathered at the home of Loretta Hastie who had pulled out all stops to decorate her home with Royal memorabilia, and ably assisted by Jacqueline Kitchen with her contribution to the food. The meal started with the upstanding for 'God Save the King' – more than a bit out of sync with the background music – even after two attempts! Coronation quiche and Coronation chicken (on the menu for Elizabeth II) followed by an array of cucumber sandwiches, mini scones with cream & jam, and many other sweet treats. All served on three tier plates, and best china. Sparkling grape juice in crystal glasses for the toast. Thank you for your hard work – it was so enjoyable.



Rosters

Morning Tea

4 June	Karen & Andrew Coleman
11	Shirley Harrison/Ruth Mackinder
18	Lynn Russell/Jan Hill
25	Loretta Hastie/Jacqueline Kitchen
2 July	Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson

Church Cleaning

4 June	Rosenda Upton
11	Carol McConnell
18	Karen Coleman
25	Shirley Harrison
2 July	Helen Bassett

Lawns

3 June	Chris Upton
17	Clive McGovern
1 July	Warren & Toby Potter

Audio Visual

4 June	David Lottering
11	Alfred Enslin
18	Hazel O'Brien
25	Chris Rosanowski
2 July	David Lottering



Can you help please. It would be appreciated if more men or women would volunteer to mow the church lawns from time to time. You would be called on about 3-4 times a year (less if more people volunteer). Contact Hazel O'Brien 5289117. There was no response last month, so please offer your help.

Coming Up

- **On the first Wednesday of each month** at 2.00 p.m. a group comes together at the home of Jacqueline and Lynn to share a simple afternoon tea and enjoy a chance to chat. This is an informal occasion, and we would love to have a few more people join us. The address is 2 Fendalton Crescent, Pinehaven.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Wednesday 14 June in the Lounge at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be Neroli from the Heretaunga Teen Parent school. Both men and women are always welcome to attend.
- Please mark your calendar for lunch on Wednesday 12 July at Naenae Bowling Club. If you can join in please give your names to Jacqueline – This lunch is open to all who are able to attend. Excellent menu. \$14 Gold card + \$4 if you want an ice cream sundae. Jacqueline Kitchen 0274546262.



Maggie's Meander - St Margaret's Car Rally

Sunday 25 June join the fun of the St Margaret's Car Rally. A local rally with the course set by Ray to show off some of Upper Hutt's sites to Rodney and Mara.

The afternoon will start with a briefing at the church at 2 p.m. and everyone will be put into their teams, with the first car due to head out at 2.30 p.m. We aim to have the teams back for a cuppa and a prize giving will take place soon after once all the points have been tallied.

To finish the evening, we will have an early dinner together. We look forward to having you join us for a fun afternoon. Entry is a koha towards dinner and prizes. Vehicles and drivers will be arranged prior.

Please let Delena know if you would like to be entered into a team and if you plan on joining us for dinner (for catering purposes). Any questions please call Delena on 021332449 or email DelenaWest6@gmail.com



A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop."

Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop.

Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

Winter Warmers Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who made the Winter Warmers Fair the success it was. It was an amazing team effort and doubled as a great social and community event.

As always, the amazing soups drew in the people and the contribution of so many donated goods, craft, knitting, books, sweets, baking, plants, sausage sizzle etc. made the winter fair our most successful yet. Money is still coming in but will hit the \$4,000 mark if it hasn't already.

Thank you everyone for your contributions - we know how to do teamwork @ St Margaret's 😊

Sheryn and Lynley



BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT APRIL 2023

Financial Summary

10 Months 1 July 2022 - 30 April 2023

	Month Apr 2023	Total 10 Months Jul22-Apr23	Budget 10 Months Jul22-Apr23	Gain(Loss) Actual v Budget
Income				
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	7,025	72,311	77,083	4,537
2002 - Offering Envelopes	1,010	9,309	incl. above	
2010 - Loose Offerings	564	3,119	1,250	1,869
2101 - Fundraising - Fair	-	19,966	13,000	6,966
2105 - Fundraising - Winter Warmers	-	110	-	110
2111 - Fair Donations	-	1,200	-	1,200
2160 - Special Donations	482	24,078	-	24,078
2170 - Legacies & Bequests	-	5,000	-	5,000
2200 - Interest Received	-	4,489	1,500	2,989
2310 - Mission - Bible Society Appeal	-	215	200	15
2315 - Mission - CWS Christmas Appeal	-	745	500	245

2316 - Mission - Red Cross Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal	510	510	300	210
Mission Other	-	-	200	200
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	2,230	6,993	2,500	4,493
2430 - Other Property Income	-	43	-	43
L&R Snell Trust Distribution	-	-	10,000	10,000
2151 - Donations-General	20	12,261	3,333	8,928
2152 - Donations-Organ & Music Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
Total Income	11,842	165,349	114,867	50,482
Total Operating Expenses	12,234	65,867	99,810	33,943
Net Surplus	(393)	99,482	15,057	84,425

Notes:**Special Donations include:**

Received September 2022	1,000	for i Pad
Received March 2023	20,000	for Manse Rent
Received March 2023	1,100	for Manse Rent
Received March 2023	1,496	for Kitchen Freezer
Received April 2023	482	Alleluia Movie + Raffle
	<u>24,078</u>	

Legacies & Bequests

Received March 2023	5,000	Estate of Bev Walker
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Not included is:

Bond paid for 1/46 Whitemans Rd	3,040
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Winter Warmers Fair which was held on 20 May and generated \$3,695.60 on the day with a further \$278.50 added since then, and more to come.

Annual Accounts Review or Audit. There has not been any response to our request for a qualified person or firm who can undertake this for us. If you know of someone suitable who may be interested, please contact Lance Hurly 528 5461

June 2023

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835
 Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
 Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>
 Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Family Team: Contact the Minister

Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 0272210609

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	2	3 Dance 9-12
4 Communion	5 King's birthday	6 Dance 4-7.00	7 Dance 4-5.30 Session	8 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	9	10 Dance 9-12
11 Family Service Shared lunch	12 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	13 Dance 4-7.00	14 Dance 4-5.30 Evg.Fellowship	15 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	16	17 Dance 9-12
18 Morn. Worship	19 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	20 Dance 4-7.00	21 Dance 4-5.30 Bd. Managers	22 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	23	24 Dance 9-12
25 Morn. Worship	26 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	27 Dance 4-7.00	28 Dance 4-5.30	29 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	30	

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

A full list of names and times for the above groups are on a chart on the notice board in the hall foyer.