



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Spring awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can. We remember what new life looks like, we remember what possibilities are just around the corner, and we remember that beauty comes in small packages.

It's a great time for meditation as we grow ourselves – and with spring in mind, here are five reflections on how our minds, hearts, and spirits are healed during the flowery months.

1. **New life and new beginnings are all around us.** Each waking flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.
2. **Everything blooms in its own time.** In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things we experience.
3. **Colour and light are vital to life.** Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.
4. **Great things are waiting beneath the surface.** Only when the flowers bloom do we realize the potential that existed beneath our feet all this time.
5. **The important things are the simple things.** Grass, rainfall, sunlight, a single flower – the smallest things matter still, because no one else can experience them for us.

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Have you seen that mini-movie on YouTube called 'Frosty man and the BMX kid'? No! Well stop reading and go and watch it now – Yes, NOW! Go, go.

Good isn't it. We call New Zealand 'God's own' and we are all very aware that this is one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Our Eden! Every now and then I still want to pinch myself to make sure that I am not dreaming, that I do actually live in this magnificent country. And this is just the environment, the people are the crowning glory of this amazing country. In this article I want us to just focus on our environment.

September is when we celebrate the season of Creation and right now our environment is firmly front and center in the minds of most people. My hope is that our faith in Christ helps us to approach our planet with the sense of reverence and responsibility as we believe that it was created by God and God looked over all that had been created and saw that it was very good (Genesis 1: 31). My hope is also that we can also approach the environmental emergency we are in with a sense of hope and not anxiety. We are people of faith and action, let us roll up our sleeves, with a positive attitude and willing heart, and let us commit ourselves afresh to doing all we can to care for our environment and inspire others to do the same.

RODNEY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
7.30 p.m. in the Church Lounge**

Please bring your Annual Report with you

Pastoral

- Our thoughts are with Richard Harrison as he recovers from an accident with a bandsaw on his hand. We are also thinking of Shirley as she supports Richard.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Kurt & Sheryn Jacques and family. Kurt's mother died age 98 on Friday.

Lectionary:

3 Sept. Exodus 3:1-6 Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b Romans 123:9-12

Matthew 16:21-28

10 Sept. Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

17 Sept. Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

24 Sept. Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

1 Oct. Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



Shirley, Lynley and family would like to thank you for all the words of comfort and caring acts of kindness we have received after the deaths of Barbara, a much-loved sister and Aunt, and Adrienne, a long-time neighbour and friend. We would also like to thank the Prayer Chain Group and know that we are indeed blessed to be part of St. Margaret's family. You are very special to us. Good Bless you all.



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

We are two months out now and are so grateful to those who have recommitted and newly stepped up to run stalls at the upcoming fair. Thank you too to Diane Pratt for coming on board with the committee, Diane will be helping in distributing those things we don't sell, amongst other things.

Committee – The fair committee is made up of Dean, Karen, Sheryn, Lynley, Diane and Delena. Please touch base with us if you have any questions or would like to offer help and don't yet have a job.

Start making and planting – Potting plants for the plant stall, making crafts, preparing relishes and preserves ... whatever your area of expertise, we would love your contributions. The St Margaret's Church Fair is well known for your incredible contributions.

Start decluttering – It's September and time to think Spring Clean!! Please start putting things aside for the secondhand clothing, books, kitchenware, china stall, manchester and Steptoe. We will be collecting and asking for drop-offs in the two weeks prior to the fair.

Stallholders – Sheryn is coordinating our lovely stallholders again this year and the stallholders meeting will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 19 September**.

Volunteers – As always, our day relies on your ability to contribute your time, think about how you can help out on the day and/or in the lead up. Many hands make light work. It's always an enjoyable time catching up and having a laugh together throughout the time of the fair. If you don't have a spot, speak to Sheryn or Lynley who will be able to link you up with the stall that fits best with your interests.

Sponsorship – Last year we introduced an option to contribute through sponsorship, this paid for the marquee as well as items to help with baking, sweet making etc. If you would like to assist in this way, please speak to Dean.

Boxes and Bags – Every year we are looking for boxes and bags for the fair, if you are able to start putting these aside, we would appreciate them at the church in October.

Flyers and Posters - will be available at the church for your cars, workplaces, sharing at the kindergartens, schools etc. We'll no doubt be springing up in church a lot in the next couple of months to keep you informed!

We're excited for another great day; we have been set a big goal and look forward to achieving this! Phone numbers for committee members are below, please touch base with any questions, queries and to jump on board.

Dean Paul	021954592
Karyn Thompson	021599497
Sheryn Jacques	021936067
Lynley McInnarney	0272780010
Delena West	021332449
Diane Pratt	0211596032



- **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. The address is 2 Fendalton Crescent, Pinehaven.
- **Evening Fellowship:** Unfortunately, the speaker from Family Works was unable to be at our last meeting due to illness. We have delivered the bags of donated toiletries to Family Works and they were most appreciative and extended their thanks to St Margarets.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 13 September at 7.30 p.m. in the Lounge. The speaker will be Gavin Murphy from Gee & Hickton Funeral Directors. If you have anything specific you would like Gavin to speak about, please let Hazel O'Brien know so that Gavin can be prepared.



- St Margaret's Youth Group is trialling meeting on Friday evenings 6.30-8.00 p.m. in the lounge during term time. Dinner along with various activities and games! We'd love to have any young people along aged Year 8 - 13. Please contact Delena or Jo if you have any questions. If you'd like to help with the evenings at all, please get in touch. Upcoming Event is a Spring

themed bake off, Friday 15 September 2023! Judge yet to be announced but I'm looking forward to what will probably be a sugar-based dinner that evening!!

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

3 Sept. Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson
 10 Pam Hurly/Riek Kleinjan
 17 Derilene Aston/Lynn Russell
 24 Jacqueline Kitchen/Shirley Harrison
 1 Oct Karen Coleman/Lin Coleman

Church Cleaning

3 Sept. Helen Bassett
 10 Jan Hill
 17 Ainsley Andrews
 24 Lynley McInnarney
 1 Oct. Jean Don

Lawns

9 Sept. Nick Tait
 23 Chris Upton
 7 Oct. Clive McGovern

Audio Visual

3 Sept. Chris Rosanowski
 10 Hazel O'Brien
 17 Alfred Enslin
 24 David Lottering
 1 Oct. David Lottering

Urgent Plea for helpers ... Most of you enjoy a cuppa and chat after church on a Sunday morning. Have you thought about how that cuppa gets onto the table and who helps out? As people's circumstances change, Lynley is getting desperate for more helpers please. The more help we have, the less you will be called upon. Please help out and give Lynley a ring 0272780010.

BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the month ended 31 July 2023

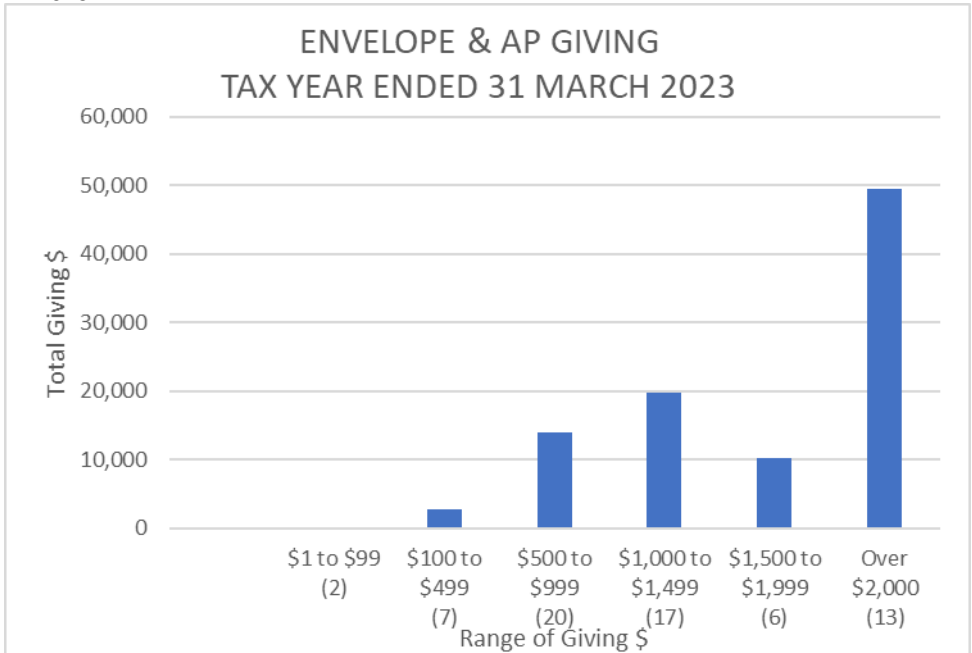
Account	Jul 2023	Jul 2022
Income		
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	7,690.00	6,899.00
2002 - Offering Envelopes	961.50	800.00
2010 - Loose Offerings	438.10	110.70
2105 - Fundraising - Winter Warmers	0.00	102.00
2310 - Mission - Bible Society Appeal	275.00	0.00
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	1,513.05	347.83
2151 - Donations-General	0.00	500.00
2152 - Donations-Organ & Music Fund	0.00	5,000.00
Total Income	10,877.65	13,759.53
Total Operating Expenses	13,184.64	4,853.65
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(2,306.99)	8,905.88

There are no Budget comparatives this month pending approval at the AGM.

Funds held for General Operations at 31 July 2023 amounted to \$224,426.16

Health & Safety Officer. We are grateful to Liezel Jahnke who responded to last month's plea and has agreed to take over the role as our Health & Safety Officer and also join the Board.

Graph showing analysis of Giving for Tax Year Ended 31 March 2023



Mark this date in your diary/phone now

Wednesday 13 December 6.00 p.m.
Dinner at Te Marua Golf Club
\$40.00

This meal is for everyone – men & women

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835 **Family Team:** Contact the Minister
Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601
Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz> **Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Youth Group	2 Dance 9-12
3 Communion	4 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	5 Dance 4-7	6 Dance 4-5.30 Tea & Chat Session 7.00 AGM 7.30	7 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	8 Youth Group	9 Dance 9-12
10 Family Service Shared lunch	11 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	12 Dance 4-7	13 Dance 4-5.30 Evg Fellowship	14 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	15 Youth Group	16 Dance 9-12
17 Morn. Worship	18 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	19 Dance 4-7	20 Dance 4-5.30 Bd. Managers	21 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	22 Youth Group	23 Dance 9-12
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Services available on Zoom each Sunday <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89367824002>

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