



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2023

The Volunteers

O let us rise and give three cheers
for all the unsung volunteers.
For those who don't just stand and stare
but offer up their time and care.
For those who never count the cost,
but run to help the ill, the lost.
For those who work with quiet grace
to make this world a better place.
O let us all, as best we may,
employ our gifts the finest way.
And, if we can, to take our part
and give our help with willing heart.

This is dedicated to all who work behind the scenes in St. Margaret's helping others and at this time of preparation for the Fair, let us say thank you to those who, in their busy lives, are still working hard to make the Fair a success. As has been said over many years, stop when you are tired, and take time out for yourselves.

AS

I sit at my desk thinking about what to write, my mind is preoccupied by the mega pile of papers that I am reading in preparation for General Assembly. This will be my first general Assembly in the Presbyterian Church, so I am reading ALL the documents very carefully. I do not want to arrive unprepared and unable to contribute to discussion and decision making.

As I read through the material that has been sent, I have become keenly aware of a few things. I have no doubt that there are many parishes around Aotearoa New Zealand that are thriving, where people's spiritual lives are growing, ministry to communities is relevant and people's lives are being changed because of it. This is worthy of celebration. Amid this picture is a church that is also experiencing difficulty and challenge. An increasing number of churches are struggling with the ability to afford a minister. Membership in many parishes is in decline and, with increasing costs, some parishes are finding survival unsustainable. At a national level there is a clear need for the church to be evolving its structure, which is a tough ask for a church steeped in history and traditional practices. There are also some ongoing difficult debates that threaten to suck the life and energy out of any exciting vision for the future.

Please pray for the General assembly and persevere in prayer after the Assembly closes, that the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand will be able to stand united, even in its diversity, and grow into a new and exciting future, guided by the Grace and love of our Almighty God.

Noho ora mai

Personal

- Our thoughts are with Eunice Lottering as she copes with a broken leg and other injuries sustained while on holiday with David their son, in South Africa. Pray also for Connie, Eunice's husband as he supports Eunice despite his ill health.

Lectionary

1 Oct.	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4,12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
8 Oct.	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
15 Oct.	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6,19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
22 Oct.	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
29 Oct.	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6,13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
5 Nov.	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7,33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**to be held in the church immediately following morning worship on
Sunday 15 October 2023**

Session is recommending to the congregation that Karen Coleman and Shirley Harrison be elected as Elders and invited to join Session. The next step is for the congregation to vote on this recommendation.

If elected, Karen and Shirley would then be ordained as Elders and inducted onto St Margaret's Session during the worship service on Sunday 29 October.

At the Special Congregational meeting on Sunday 15 October the congregation will be asked to vote on the following motions:

1. *That Karen Coleman be elected as an Elder and invited to join the St Margaret's Session*
2. *That Shirley Harrison be elected as an Elder and invited to join the St Margaret's Session*

Any apologies should be sent to Marilyn Anderson
(marilyn.anderson54@xtra.co.nz or 027 363 2296).

Marilyn Anderson, Session Clerk

ROSTERS

Morning Tea

- 1 Oct. Karen Coleman/Lin Coleman
- 8 Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster
- 15 Adrienne Baron/Jacqueline Kitchen
- 22 Sonja-Ané Britz/Shirley Harrison
- 29 Loretta Hastie/Jan Hill
- 5 Nov. Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson

Church Cleaning

- 1 Oct. Jean Don
- 8 Rosenda Upton
- 15 Karen Coleman
- 22 Carol McConnell
- 29 Shirley Harrison
- 5 Nov. Helen Bassett

Lawns

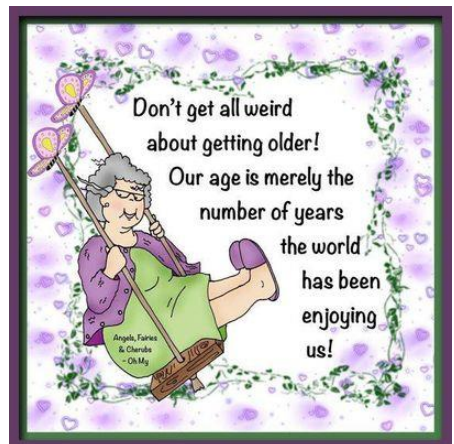
- 7 Oct. Clive McGovern
- 21 Warren & Toby Potter
- 4 Nov. Rhys West

Audio Visual

- 1 Oct. David Lottering
- 8 Chris Rosanowski
- 15 Hazel O'Brien
- 22 Alfred Enslin
- 29 David Lottering
- 5 Nov. Anya Enslin



- **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.** Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Matthew Reid who is CEO of Barnardos and involved in several charities. All welcome.
- **Fair cake stall** - Anyone doing baking for the Fair, please pick up bags of donated flour which are in a box in Hall foyer. Thank you for your donation.



BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the 2 Months July - August 2023

	Aug 2023	2 Months YTD	2 Months Budget	2 Months Gain(Loss) v Budget
Income				
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	6,750.00	14,440.00	16,833.33	(576.83)
2002 - Offering Envelopes	855.00	1,816.50	incl. above	
2010 - Loose Offerings	615.60	1,053.70	666.67	387.03
Donations	-	-	1,166.67	(1,166.67)
2101 - Fundraising - Fair	65.00	65.00	-	65.00
2200 - Interest Received	25.71	25.71	-	25.71
2310 - Mission - Bible Society Appeal	50.00	325.00	200.00	125.00
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	713.05	2,226.10	1,333.33	892.77
Total Income	9,100.07	19,977.72	20,200.00	(222.28)
Total Expenses	13,919.71	26,779.35	27,857.86	1,078.51
Surplus (Deficit)	(4,819.64)	(6,801.63)	(7,657.86)	856.23

The Budget circulated with the Annual Report was approved at the AGM subject to Insurance being increased to \$22,086 to reflect the actual cost, and the Total Deficit increasing by \$(2,086) from \$(5,016) to \$(7,102). The premium for the new year, due to be paid in October, is amortised over 12 months in the Budget and Accounts.

Funds held for General Operations at 31 July 2023 amounted to \$222,536.81

Confirmation has been received from Inland Revenue Dept. that we are unable to issue receipts for Donations made to other organisations such as PCANZ, Bible Society etc. with a clear directive that they need a receipt or alternatively, forward their Donation direct to the other party.

The Board has agreed to the Fair Committee's proposal that a marquee be hired for the Fair, costing \$1,861.85.

For the children

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

ETACOVDAEWH			
RURETSAMFOG			
AVRSUSEJLNO			
WRETMWAYICL			
VINYDAAKDDO			
RATSGNINROM			
DAYSTARCPTS	ALDNATSR	IFORERUNNER	
EVGFNOPHHOT	UJGROLESNUO	CHCNARBO	
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RSAAHOFFETKE	ENDOGYTHG	IMLAMENHI	
ASSONGDDOIL	ANINOSNET	TOGEBYLNOD	
ZITJOUNNNDE	CAEPFOECN	IRPHYLPE	
AAEDYOE GAC	CORSTNENI	VDIVADFON	OSM
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RHORATOUCIR			
PHPOCSNDEGE			
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Advocate	Door	Lawgiver	Redeemer
Almighty	Emmanuel	Life	Resurrection
Alpha and Omega	Everlasting	Light	Rock
Amen	Faithful and True	Lion of Judah	Savior
Apostle	First and Last	Lord	Servant
Beloved Son	Forerunner	Lord of Lords	Shepherd
Bishop	Foundation	Master	Son of David
Branch	Governor	Master	Son of God
Bread	Head	Mediator	Son of Man
Captain	High Priest	Messiah	Vine
Carpenter	Holy and Just One	Mighty God	Way
Chosen	Horn of Salvation	Morning Star	Wonderful
Christ	I AM	Nazarene	Word
Consolation	Jesus	Only Begotten Son	
Cornerstone	Judge	Passover	
Counselor	King	Priest	
Day Star	King of Kings	Prince of Peace	
Deliverer	Lamb of God	Prophet	

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

We are in countdown mode now with the fair set to take place at the end of this month!

Thank you to everyone who has been busy planning, decluttering, delivering, planting, crafting etc. It's a busy time in the lead up and we really appreciate the way everyone comes together to make the Fair the success it is every year. We have a big target and we are confident with everyone's help and commitment we can get there!

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.

Plant and Seedlings – We would be grateful for any indoor or outdoor plants. If you need something to plant them in, there are pots by the entrance to the church which you are welcome to take and use.

Baking, Sweets, Café, Crafts – Please remember these stalls when your creative juices are flowing! St Margaret's is well known for the amazing creations of craft and food that flow through our doors.

Donations – Raffle, Lucky Dip, Baking Ingredients and Gift Baskets – If you are able to donate to any of these, there are boxes in the entrance to the lounge and hall area and we would be so grateful for your contributions. Additionally, **prebagged flour is available** in this area for you to take and use for your fair baking.

Decluttering –Please continue putting things aside for the second hand 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 would love to hear from you if you are a regular to let them know if you're keen to help out again.

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 the two weeks leading up to the fair.

Letterbox drop – Flyers for the letterbox drop are now available and at the church and we would love it if you can start distributing these from the first week of October, giving people time to donate and not so long they forget it's on. Thanks for this, additionally if your streets are hugely short of flyers in the delivery packet please let Delena know, we are trying to update the numbers but some of it has been guesswork!

Car Flyers and Posters – these are now available at the church for your cars, workplaces, sharing at the kindergartens, schools etc. Please take these with you and distribute around the community, we can easily print more as needed.

Goods Collection – We have a small team of people who will be picking up goods for selling at the fair. If you are able to help with this please let Lynley know and she will add you to the team.

CHURCH OPEN FOR DROP OFFS:

Wednesday	18 October 10-12noon
Tuesday	24 October 10-3, 7-8pm
Wednesday	25 October 10am-3pm
Thursday	26 October 10-3, 7-8pm
Friday	27 October 10 – 3

THE WEEK BEFORE

Sunday 22 October – After church we will be moving pews and setting up the church and hall. If you are available to help with this, that would be awesome.

As always, the week before is a busy week of sorting. If you are available for an hour or more any day, please call in and feel free to help out. If you're unsure what you can do, the hall area always needs help with the secondhand clothing sort.

ON THE DAY! SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

6.00am - 9.30am: Final Set up

9.30am - 9.45am: Fair Briefing

10.00am – 1pm: **THE FAIR!**

1.00pm-4.00pm: Pack up/Clean up/Goods disposal/Return of borrowed items

Phone numbers for committee members are below, please touch base with any questions:

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



October 2023

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835
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 Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Family Team: Contact the Minister

Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 0272210609

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	3 Dance 4-7	4 Dance 4-5.30 Tea & Chat Session 7.00	5 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	6 Youth Group	7 Dance 9-12
8 Family Service Shared lunch	9 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	10 Dance 4-7	11 Dance 4-5.30 Evg Fellowship	12 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	13 Youth Group	14 Dance 9-12
15 Morn.Worship	16 Friendship Gr. Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	17 Dance 4-7	18 Dance 4-5.30 Bd. Managers	19 Badminton Dance 4-5.30 Pilates 6-8	20 Youth Group	21 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.