



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

**NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2024**

## **An Irish Blessing for the New Year**

May your mornings bring joy and your evenings bring peace.

May your troubles grow few as your Irish blessings increase.

May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship and your hearts joined forever in love.

Your lives are very special, and God has touched you in many ways.

May his blessings rest upon you and fill all your coming days.

Happy New Year! I pray that 2024 will be a year of significant blessing for you and your family and that the blessing you enjoy this year you will share with others.

If you have been in church over January, you would have heard that God spoke and God still speaks today. In this we are challenged to spend more time in scripture, the vehicle most used by God to 'speak' to us. But it is not only that God speaks, but that God 'sees' us as well. Not seeing as in just looking, but God notices us, takes note of who we are and the circumstances we live and move in. This I am hoping is a source of great Hope and Joy for us as people of faith. My prayer is that as we take this hope and joy into 2024, we will be able to share it with others on our journey.

The good news is that we do not walk alone, we undertake this journey as a community. Friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord, supporting, encouraging and inspiring each other on the way. Can I assure you that myself. and the eldership at St Margaret's, will be working hard to provide an environment where we can all grow in our walk with God this year. This is an appropriate time to let you know who is taking over as Session Clerk from Marilyn Anderson, who stood down at the end of last year. We are pleased to confirm that Chris Rosanowski has agreed to take over as Session clerk until someone else is ready to take up the reigns.

May I say that I am very excited about 2024. The plans we have in place and the opportunities we will create for engagement with our community will, I believe, ensure a year filled with many blessings for us and our community.

Oh, before I go, how is the reading of the Chronicles of Narnia going? For those who have been away, I have challenged all to read them. I am very keen to chat with people about their experience of reading them.

Blessing of Christ be with you all.



## Personal

- It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Shirley Nesbitt who was actively involved as a member of St. Margaret's for many years. In more recent years Shirley has been living at Rita Angus Retirement Village in Wellington which made it more difficult for her to attend regular worship on Sundays. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time. It was Shirley's wish that a private service be held.



### Sharing our faith ....

We start our 3<sup>rd</sup> set of discipleship sessions. This one will be on sharing your faith. Sessions start on Tuesday 13 February at 10.00 a.m. and then repeated at 7.30 p.m., in the lounge.

Dates to mark in your calendar are:

**13.20.27 February.**

The staff at Family Works were delighted with all the toys, toiletries and baking St. Margaret's congregation provided at Christmas for their families. It was a real privilege to drive 2 carloads of gifts with our prayers for all recipients.

Thank you, friends

Pat Lerwill and Jan Hill



## Lectionary:

- 4 Feb. Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39
- 11 Feb. 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
- 18 Feb. Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
- 25 Feb. Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38
- 3 Mar. Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

- 4 Feb. Lynn Russell/Mathilda Hartzenberg  
11 Derilene Aston/Adrienne Baron  
18 Shirley Harrison/Ruth Mackinder  
25 Selma Britz/Loretta Hastie  
3 Mar. Sue Taylor/Delwyn Frederikson

### Church Cleaning

- 4 Feb. Jean Don  
11 Rosenda Upton  
18 Carol McConnell  
25 Karen Coleman  
3 Mar. Shirley Harrison

### Lawns

- 10 Feb. Clive McGovern  
24 Warren & Toby Potter  
9 Mar. Steven Fletcher

### Audio Visual

- 4 Feb. David Lottering  
11 Hazel O'Brien  
18 Jenny Fisher  
(Hazel O'Brien)  
23 David Lottering  
3 Mar. Alfred Enslin

## Sunday School

We look forward to hearing all about your summer holidays when we start back on the 4 February. Just a reminder, Sunday School runs throughout the school term. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, Rodney holds a Family Service in church, so the children do not go out to Sunday School that day. It's an interactive/intergenerational service and if you haven't been to one before, I recommend you come and join us for our next one on the 11 February.

### Can you help please?

Alison McLeod-Jones and Ruth Mackinder are no longer able to maintain the church gardens. Thank you both for all the work you have done. If you are able to spare some time to keep our gardens looking lovely, please contact Lance Hurly 528.5461.

## **Emergency TXT service**

People who are Deaf or hard of hearing and have hearing and/or speech difficulties can [register with Police to join the 111 TXT service](#). This service is only to be used in an emergency.

This is a nationwide service available to registered users wherever there is cell phone coverage. Registered users can contact the emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) via text messaging on their cell phones.

## **Smoke alarms for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing**

There are specialised smoke alarm systems available for people who are Deaf or are hard of hearing. These systems are a type of Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) and include have extra features that connect to a smoke alarm such as extra loud and/or lower pitch alarm sounds, flashing strobe lights, or vibrating devices to alert people to smoke or fire in their home.

Ideally, you will have hard-wired, interconnected photoelectric *smoke alarms* fitted with bed-shakers, strobe lights, pagers or a combination of these. However, this may be too expensive.

At Fire and Emergency New Zealand, we work with partner agencies to make recommendations on this specialised equipment to support people who are Deaf or hard of hearing to have early warning in case of smoke or fire in their home. These partner agencies also have options for applying for funding for the recommended equipment on behalf of the resident. Contact one of the 4 organisations below for advice as to the most appropriate options available for you to consider and to find out more about how to arrange a free assessment of your home for HAT smoke alarm equipment:

<https://www.yourwaykiaroha.nz>

This information was supplied by Upper Hutt Neighbourhood Support



- **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** is for everyone; men and women are all welcome. The first meeting for the year is Wednesday, 14 February 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge. The speaker will be Mathilda Hartzenberg, a member of the parish who will speak about her life in South Africa, compared to life in NZ.
- Youth Group is starting on Sunday 4th February with a pizza lunch and swim at Jo Rothbaum's home and then back to Friday nights for the rest of the term.
- Loretta Hastie is organizing a fund-raising Movie Evening at the Miro Cinema. The film is 'The Great Escaper' starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. It was to be Glenda's last film before she passed away soon after. At this point the date is still to be confirmed, but 'watch this space'.

## Board of Managers

**General Funds:** Funds held for General Operations at 31 December 2023 amounted to \$231,154.72

**Donations** received in November included \$300 from the Evening Fellowship Group to be used for the Kitchen upgrade,

\$200 from the Open Home Foundation, and \$1,000 as an appreciation from the Family of Riek Kleinjan.

**Christian World Service Christmas Appeal** contributions in December 2023 included above amounted to \$346.00.

Further Donations in January 2024 totalled \$120.00.

**Organ area:** Richard Harrison has spent a considerable amount of time clearing the area at the rear of the Church that once housed the organ pipes and workings. This will eventually be available for storage. Thank you, Richard,

**Working Bee.** There will be an assault on the buildings and grounds at a date(s) to be decided in February and/or March.

Tasks to be tackled will include a general tidy up of areas above and beyond the normal zones. Repainting of the exterior of the front of the Church is also being scheduled for when it is a little cooler. Watch this space for more information.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Months of November & December  
2023

and the 6 Months Ended 31 December 2023

Nov 2023

Dec 2023

6 Mths

6 Mths

6 Mths

Month

Month

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Actual

Actual

Actual

Budget

(Loss)

#### Income

|                                       |               |               |                |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Offerings                             | 9,295         | 9,199         | 54,516         | 52,502        | 2,014         |
| Fair incl. Winter Warmers & Donations | 487           | -             | 23,448         | 19,000        | 4,448         |
| Donations excluding Fair              | 1,500         | -             | 1,800          | 3,500         | (1,700)       |
| L&R Snell Trust                       | 14,922        | -             | 14,922         | 15,000        | (78)          |
| Other Income                          | 1,130         | 5,207         | 14,385         | 7,697         | 6,688         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   | <b>27,334</b> | <b>14,406</b> | <b>109,071</b> | <b>97,699</b> | <b>11,372</b> |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>       | <b>12,873</b> | <b>13,950</b> | <b>87,115</b>  | <b>87,738</b> | <b>622</b>    |
| <b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>          | <b>14,460</b> | <b>456</b>    | <b>21,956</b>  | <b>9,962</b>  | <b>11,994</b> |

# February 2024

**Minister:** Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835    **Family Team:** Contact the Minister  
**Session Clerk:** Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530  
**Website:** <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>    **Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609  
**Facebook:** St. Margaret's Family Page

| Sunday                               | Monday   | Tuesday           | Wednesday                            | Thursday                          | Friday            | Saturday        |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                                      |  |                   | 31<br>Session 7.00                   | 1<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Pilates 6-8  | 2                 | 3<br>Dance 9-12 |
| 4<br>Communion                       | 5  | 6<br>Waitangi Day | 7<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Tea & Chat      | 8<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Pilates 6-8  | 9<br>Youth Group  | 10              |
| 11<br>Family Service<br>Shared lunch | 12<br>Friendship Gr<br>Dancing 1-2.30<br>Pilates 6-8<br>HV Singers 7-9 | 13<br>Dance 4-7   | 14<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Evg.Fellowship | 15<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Pilates 6-8 | 16<br>Youth Group | 17              |
| 18<br>Morn. Worship                  | 12<br>Friendship Gr<br>Dancing 1-2.30<br>Pilates 6-8<br>HV Singers 7-9 | 20<br>Dance 4-7   | 21<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Bd. Managers   | 22<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Pilates 6-8 | 23<br>Youth Group | 24              |
| 25<br>Morn. Worship                  | 12<br>Friendship Gr<br>Dancing 1-2.30<br>Pilates 6-8<br>HV Singers 7-9 | 27<br>Dance 4-7   | 28<br>Dance 4-5.30                   | 29<br>Dance 4-5.30<br>Pilates 6-8 |                   |                 |

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

If you are unable to watch the Zoom service live, but would like the link, please contact Lynley McInnarney 0272780010