



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER

Lent



Jesus,
full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from
the Jordan and
was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness,
where for forty days
he was tempted
by the devil.

Luke 4: 1-2

Lent is now well under way and Easter looms ahead of us, filled with such opportunity for growth in our faith and fresh wonder at the grace and love of our God. The word 'Lent' comes from the old English word 'Lengten', which simply means 'Spring'. Yes, the northern hemisphere season of new life and longer, warmer days.

For lent, it is a time where we look to the cross and resurrection and what those momentous events mean to us today, in our context and in our daily experience of life. Let's think of lent in this way. We all take great care, deep thought and give significant time to organizing important events in our lives. The lead up to Christmas, choosing gifts, inviting family, planning meals all to make Christmas fun and meaningful to everyone. We often plan significant birthdays with the same meticulous care. We plan weddings to be life-changing events that we will remember for a lifetime. So why not lent? Easter is a very important celebration in our calendar, so imagine how

meaningful, special and memorable this season could be if we approached and prepared for it in the way we do for Christmas?



On Sunday 18 February I challenged the St Margaret's community to re-kindle the old practice of giving something up for Lent. There are many benefits to giving something up and using the time and reminder to reflect on Easter and what Christ did for us. I also offered an alternative approach if 'giving up' something is not your 'thing'. I suggested that instead of 'giving up' we 'took up' something. A daily reading of your Bible if it is not your habit to do that. Discovering the benefit of 5-minute meditation and, in my case, taking up a walk/run three times a week. For me walking is a wonderful time of thought, reflection, and prayer.

So how about it? It is not too late. It could be astonishing what this could do for your daily walk with God.

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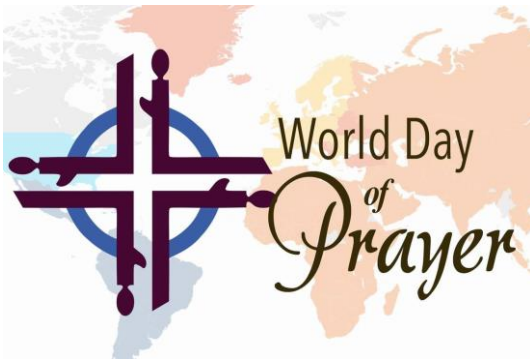
Pastoral

- It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of our oldest member of the congregation. Margaret Parker (98) had been a member of the parish for around 50 years and together with her late husband Morris, both played a very important role in the family life of the parish. In recent months Margaret's health prevented her from attending worship regularly, but she will be missed by many.
- Congratulations to our new eldest member of the congregation, Shirley Humphrey who turned 98 in February and also Pat Rainey (97) and Joyce Castle (96). Something about February!!



Lectionary

- 3 Mar. Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
 10 Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
 17 Jeremaih 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
 24 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11
 31 Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 John 20:1-18
 7 Apr. Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31



**St. Mary's Church
 Silverstream
 Friday 1 March 2024
 11.00 a.m.**

**St. Margaret's are joining with
 St. Mary's & Our Lady of Grace**

**This service is for both men and
 women**

**Please take a small plate of food to
 share for morning tea**

CELEBRATE



WITH US

Sun. 24 Mar.	10.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
Thurs. 29	7.00 p.m.	Maundy Service (Communion)
Friday 30	10.00 a.m.	Good Friday
Sun. 31	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day (Communion)



ST MARGARET'S FAMILY NIGHT
FRIDAY 5 APRIL 2024, 6 – 8 pm (save the date)

Let's make the most of the last Friday before daylight savings ends.

Bring family and friends and let's join together in some good old-fashioned games, kai and fabulous company.

Let's see you there





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** meets on Wednesday 13 March, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. The speaker will be Shelley Evans from Presbyterian Support Services, who we give Christmas baking and toys to each year. All men, women and friends most welcome.

ROSTERS

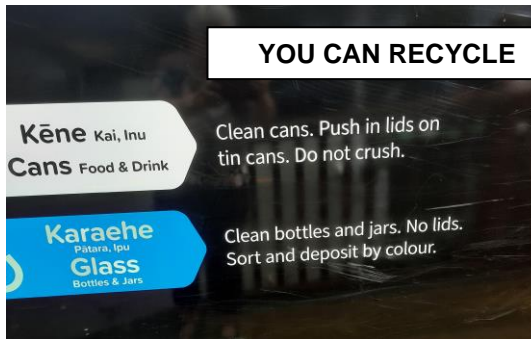
Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
3 Mar.	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	-	Shirley Harrison	Alfred Enslin
10 Mar	Jacqueline Kitchen Heather-Lee Foster	Stephen Fletcher	Helen Bassett	David Lottering
17 Mar	Sonya Ané Britz Loretta Hastie	-	Jan Hill	Chris Rosanowski
24 Mar	Pam Hurly Shirley Harrison	Rodney Ramsay	Ainsley Andrews	Hazel O'Brien
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday	-		Chris R.
29 Mar	Good Friday	-		Hazel O'B.
31 Mar	Karen & Andrew Coleman	-	Lynley McInnarney	David Lottering
7 Apr.	Derilene Aston Mathilda Hartzenberg	-		Alfred Enslin
13 Apr		Daniel Togaloo		



Over the years St. Margaret's has been very good at recycling but there have been a few changes. Unfortunately, we can no longer recycle toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes. All types of bottle caps are acceptable – metal and plastic.

A big thanks to Jacqueline Kitchen and her grandchildren who have been delivering the bottle tops to the recycling plant in Upper Hutt.

Jacqueline has also taken some photos of what you can and can't recycle at the Recycling plant.



NOT ACCEPTABLE

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the 7 Months ended 31 January 2024

	Jan 2024 Mth Actual	7 Mths YTD Actual	7 Mths YTD Budget	7 Mths Gain (Loss)
Income				
Offerings	9,055	63,571	61,252	2,318
Donations excluding Fair	50	1,850	3,500	(1,650)
Fair including Winter Warmers & Donations	-	23,448	19,000	4,448
L&R Snell Trust	-	14,922	15,000	(78)
Other Income	1,016	15,401	8,367	7,034
Total Income	10,121	119,192	107,119	12,073
Total Operating Expenses	11,909	99,024	101,791	2,766
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(1,788)	20,167	5,328	14,839

General Funds: Funds held for General Operations at 31 January 2024 amounted to \$234,354.43

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. The final figure collected in December and January was \$466.00. Receipts will be issued to those who requested them, when received from CWS.

Working Bee. Thanks to all those who helped on Saturday 17 February whether working inside, outside or providing refreshments to the hard-working team. Our property now looks much better thanks to the wonderful effort of you all. Special thanks to Ainsley Andrews, Richard Harrison and Rhys West for organising the day.

March 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 Easter Sunday Communion					1 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	2
3 Communion	4 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	5 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	6 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	7 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	8 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	9
10 Family Service Shared lunch	11 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Dance 3.30-6.00 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	12 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	13 Evg.Fellowship Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	14 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	15 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	16
17 Morn. Worship	18 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Dance 3.30-6.00 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	19 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	20 Bd. Managers Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	21 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	22 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	23
24 Morn. Worship Palm Sunday	25 Friendship Gr Dancing 1-2.30 Dance 3.30-6.00 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	27 Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	28 Prayer 10.00 Maundy Thurs – Communion Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	29 Good Friday	30

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