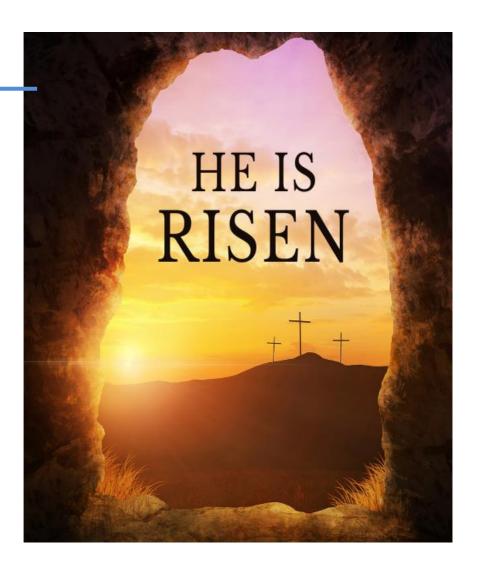


ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



We have spent a number of weeks talking in church about the coming of Easter and what that could mean to us. I do believe that what we get out of the Easter weekend is proportional to the preparation we have put in during Lent. I trust that lent has been good time for all of us and that Easter has been/will be a meaningful time in our faith walk with God.

The essential essence of the Easter weekend is God. How much God loves us, how much God is prepared to give for us, and how the presence of God can bring hope in a world filled with so much need, struggle and pain.

When is comes to the Easter weekend being a source of hope for us all, I cannot put it any better than our National Moderator, Right Rev Rose Luxford, in her easter message to the Presbyterian Church. She says;

"The dimension of hope was fundamental to the thinking of the New Testament writers. The suffering of Christ and the suffering Christians were undergoing were the birth

pangs of a new age. In Christ, God had begun to move with power. Christian faith was



faith in one who had raised Christ from the dead and therefore they could persevere with hope and confidence, joy and expectation."

As we move past Easter I pray that what lingers in our hearts and minds, the things that God works within us and the things we continue to grow into, is a hope that God will walk with us, a confidence that in God we can find the strength to shine the light of His love, a joy that is infectious and an expectation that we will see the fruit of our faithful labour as children of God.

God Bless.

ROPUFES

Personal

- It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of our oldest member of the congregation Shirley Humphrey. Shirley had only held that notoriety for 3 weeks, having turned 98 at the end of February, and after the death of Margaret Parker. Shirley had been a member of St. Margaret's Church family for over 70 years and was well loved by those who knew her. We will miss her smile and her company.
- Congratulations to Nola & Alan Chapman who celebrated 60 years of marriage at the end of March.



Lectionary

7 April Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

14 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48 21 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

21 Acts 4.5-12 Fsaiii 25 1 John 5.10-24 John 10.11-16

28 Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

5 May Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

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



ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
. 7 Apr	Derilene Aston Mathilda Hartzenberg	Daniel Togaloa	Sarah Smith	Alfred Enslin
14 Apr	Margaret Opray Jan Hill	-	Rosenda Upton	Jenny Fisher
21 Apr	Jacqueline Kitchen Ruth Mackinder	Paul Betteridge	Karen Coleman	Chris Rosanowski
28 Apr	Lynn Russell Adrienne Baron	-	Carol McConnell	Hazel O'Brien
5 May	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Rhys West	Ainsley Andrews	David Lottering



Thank you to those who have offered to go onto the various rosters. The convenors of these rosters are very grateful. If you would like to help out, please contact the following people. The more people offering, the less the load will be.

Church Cleaning:Carol McConnell 0272210609Morning Tea:Lynley McInnarney 0272780010LawnsHazel O'Brien 5289117

Audio Visual Hazel O'Brien 5289117



St Margaret's Winter Warmers Fair is coming up _{When:}

Saturday 18 May 10.00 am until 1.00 pm

Help is now needed to make this fundraiser a success. We will be selling anything that reflects winter warm clothing, jackets, hats, scarves, beanies, blankets, baby knitting, books, puzzles, board games, baking, sweets, crafts, house plants etc, etc. Of course, it wouldn't be a St Margaret's fair event without our local cafe, selling warm soup and cheese rolls plus other warming treats along with our very own resident bbg team.

What you can do to help us prepare is..... start sorting out, making, and gathering items that we can sell on the day.

We will also be selling raffle tickets so if you would like to donate suitable grocery items or items suitable for a winter-themed raffle we would appreciate them.

All contributions can be delivered to the church nearer the time or if you need something collected please let us know. **Please note -** the Winter Warmers doesn't sell furniture and big items.

If you have a stall in mind, are happy to run a stall or help on a stall, we would love to hear from you. Please contact:

Sheryn 021 936067 sheryn jacques@ajpark.com
Delena 021 332449 delenawest16@gmail.com or

Lynley 5288213 or 027 2780010 mcinnarneys@gmail.com

Together we can all help make this a successful fundraiser for St Margaret's Church



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 10 April, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. Both men and women are most welcome to this Fellowship group. The speaker will be Gary Field from Open Home Foundation.



BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	Feb Mth	Feb Mth	8 Mths	8 Mths	8 Mths
For the 8 Months ended 29 February 2024	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Gain (Loss)
Income					
Offerings	8,360.10	8,750	71,931	70,003	1,928
Donations excluding Fair	0.00	1,167	1,850	4,667	(2,817)
Fundraising including Winter Warmers & Donations	0.00	-	23,448	19,000	4,448
L&R Snell Trust	0.00	-	14,922	15,000	(78)
Other Income	870.05	900	16,271	9,263	7,008
Total Income	9,230.15	10,817	128,422	117,933	10,489
Total Operating Expenses	14,387.51	14,143	113,412	115,933	2,522
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(5,157.36)	(3,326)	15,010	1,999	13,011

Not included above is a Donation of \$5,000 received in March from Maryann Nesbit in memory of her late mum Shirley. Maryann has advised us how much you, the St Margaret's community, meant to her mum over the years.

We have also been advised that a Bequest of \$1,000 will be coming from the Estate of Peggy Jourdain.

Movie Night: The Great Escaper earned \$520 for us in March (Ticket Sales \$350, Raffle \$120, and \$50 in Donations). Thanks Loretta for your enthusiasm organising a great night, and to all those who enjoyed it whilst helping our coffers

General Funds: Funds held for General Operations at 29 February 2024 amounted to \$232,457.44

Manse Rent: This has increased from 20 March 2024 by \$35.00 to \$795.00 per week, previously \$760.00.

RECEIPTS FOR GIVING – TAX YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Receipts should be available early April for contributions made via the Envelope system, Internet, or Bank AP. If you would like more information about contributing by any of these methods please talk to Lance Hurly, Treasurer (528 5461) or Jacqueline Kitchen, Envelope Secretary (528 2113).

The start of the new Tax year on 1 April provides an opportunity for Members to review their giving and the following table shows the effect of how donations can be increased if the annual Rebates received are progressively added to each year's contribution.

Year	Basic	Rebate @	Donation
	Donation	33 c in \$	+ Rebate
1	100.00		100.00
2	100.00	33.00	133.00
3	100.00	43.89	143.89
4	100.00	47.48	147.48
5	100.00	48.67	148.67
Total	\$500.00	\$173.04	\$673.04

April 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
7	1 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9 8 Friendship Gr	2 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	3 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Chair Yoga 11.30- 12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	4 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	5 Family night 6-8 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	13
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Morn. Worship Shared lunch	15 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	16 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	17 Chair Yoga 11.30- 12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30 Bd Managers 7.30	18 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	19 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	20
21 Morn. Worship	22 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	23 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15	24 Chair Yoga 11.30- 12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	25 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	26 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	27
28 Morn. Worship	29 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	30 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15				

Services available on Zoom each Sunday https://us02web.zoom.us/i/89367824002

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