



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

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Someone must have prayed

I was troubled in my heart, was anxious and afraid
– but suddenly the cloud was lifted

Someone must have prayed

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I was lost – uncertain of the choice that should be
made – then all at once I knew the answer

Someone must have prayed.

Someone must have prayed for me.

Prayer changes things I know –

to try to win the love of all as through the world
you go.

Being loved you'll be remembered in somebody's
prayer – and the blessing you'll receive, someday,
somehow, somewhere ...

In a crisis unseen powers will hasten to your aid –
and when it's over you will say –

Someone must have prayed.

Greetings

At the time of writing this article for the newsletter, I have been at St Margaret's for 1 year, 7 months and 9 days – but who is counting! I still feel a like the 'newbie', especially when I talk with many of you fine folk who have been a part of St Margaret's for 50+ years.

I am humbled when I hear of the dedication of so many amazing people from the past who I would have loved to have met. I do believe that their faithful work is still here and felt in the vibrant life of St Margaret's today. Sir Isaac Newton said something quite profound when he was referred to as a great scientist, he said "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants."



As a parish we have worshipped in this building for 94, yes 94 years that this church as stood as an active and brilliant shining light of the Grace and Love of God. Let us take a moment to consider what has been achieved over those many years, the lives changed, the families blessed, the community members helped in all that time. Our ministry into the future has been made possible by the giants of the past on whose shoulders we stand. The past ministers, leaders and members who worked tirelessly for the Kingdom of God. The greatest of course is Jesus Christ himself, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

On the 17th of November we will be celebrating St Margaret's day, and I am aware that in the past we have celebrated those who have passed on to be with the Lord in the past year. I would like to continue this tradition, and expand it a little, just for this year. As a parish and as the members of this parish, there are significant people that we might want to honour. People whom we have loved and whom we miss dearly. To honour and remember these special people who have touch our lives and the life of our parish **I would like to invite you to email or pass on to me a photo of these special people.** I would like to put the photos together in a memorial presentation to be shown in the service on the 17th, so that we can all remember them, honour them for their love and devotion and renew our commitment to continuing their work here at St Margaret's.

I put to Session this month the idea that as our centenary is only 6 years away, that we ought to start putting a 'History of St Margaret's' together. If we have any historians and writer in the parish who would love to undertake this great piece of work, please let me know.

Your love and grace as a parish continues to inspire me. Thank you.

Rodney

Pastoral:

- It is great to see Lance & Pam Hurly back in church. Lance has commenced treatment for prostate cancer and is slowly recovering from long covid.
- Welcome back home to Kirstin & Peter Stern after their 3 month trip overseas.
- Welcome back home also, Lin Coleman who has been visiting her Mum in the UK for a few months.
- Mathilda Hartzenberg is in a lot of pain with her shoulder which cannot be operated on. Mathilda is unable to drive because of the pain.

Lectionary

3 Nov. Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
 10 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
 17 1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14 Mark 13:1-8
 24 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
 1 Dec. Jeremaih 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

ROSTERS

| Date | Morning Tea | Lawns | Church Cleaning | Audio Visual |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Nov. | Margaret Opray Lynn Russell | Paul Betteridge | Rosenda Upton | David Lottering |
| 10 Nov | Shirley Harrison Sarah Smith | - | Shirley Harrison | Chris Rosanowski |
| 17 Nov | Derilene Aston Ruth Mackinder | Rhys West | Ainsley Andrews | Hazel O'Brien |
| .24 Nov | Jacqueline Kitchen Adrienne Baron | - | Jan Hill | Jenny Fisher |
| 1 Dec | Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson | Vern Bennett | Carol McConnell | Alfred Enslin |

More helpers are desperately needed for the Morning Tea roster please

A BIG
Thank
YOU

to Lorretta Hastie for organizing the movie night. With all Lorretta's effort with the sale of tickets and the raffle \$462 was raised.



**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 20 November – 7.30 p.m.
St. Margaret's Lounge**

Annual Reports will be distributed nearer the time

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR

10am

Rain or
Shine

Dunns Street, Silverstream
Saturday 2nd November

Pre-loved Clothing, Toys, Café, Plants,
Homeware, Books, Baking, Jewellery,
Crafts, Lucky Dip, Raffles, Sweets



What's Coming up

- **Tea & Chat** - 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** - (men and women)
Evening Fellowship next meeting is Wednesday 13 November in the Lounge at 7.30 pm. Frances Potter will be speaking on DIY funerals - information for your families.
- All are invited to lunch at the Rustic Kitchen, 1066 Maymorn Road, Te Marua, Upper on Wednesday 4 December, 12.00 noon. Cost \$38.50 Payment to Jacqueline Kitchen before please. **Note:** This is the 1st Wednesday of the month, not the 2nd when Evening Fellowship normally meets.

St. Theresa's Prayer

*Christ has no body now on earth
but yours, no hands but yours,
no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through
which He is to go about doing
good,*

*Yours are the hands with which
He is to bless men and women
now.*

*St. Theresa of Avila
1515-1582*

Board of Managers

It has become more and more apparent that Lance does a lot more at St Margaret's than just to be the treasurer. We are still thinking and praying for Lance as he struggles with significant health issues. We continue to thank you for your patience with regard to reporting on the church finances. Lance has made much progress with them over last few weeks, so we will continue to support him as he catches up with them.

I reported last month that we had significant work needing to be done on our sewerage system. Board of manager finally approved a quote for just under \$5000 to undertake the repairs. Sadly, these repairs will not be able to be done before the fair. We will plan and manage the situation for the fair.

At a meeting of the Church council a few months ago we made the decision that the kitchen was desperately in need of an upgrade and so the process has begun. A subcommittee was set up from Board of Managers and the committee met and got feedback from the regular users of the Kitchen regarding anything they feel needs to be addressed in the upgrade. We have collated the feedback and had a kitchen designer and builder in to measure and give us some proposed designs. We are now waiting for those designs which the Church Council will then look at and seek quotes for. We are hoping that we can present a proposed design to the congregation, with a quote as to the cost, at the AGM in November.

The work continues in keeping St Margaret's well maintained and looking good. A very big 'Thank You' to the team on the Board of Managers for their hard work.

Rodney



“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?”

“The company.” said Tiny Dragon.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH
FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024 5.30 - 7PM

The logo for Messy Church features the word "Messy" in a large, white, rounded font with a registered trademark symbol, and the word "Church" in a smaller, yellow, rounded font below it. The text is set against a red, splatter-like background that resembles a paint splash. The entire logo is centered on a blue background, with a yellow vertical band on the left side.

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FOR UP TO 12 YEARS OLD. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN WITH
CRAFTS, GAMES AND FOOD!! A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.**

November 2024

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Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 CHURCH FAIR |
| 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 Study group 10 am & 7.30 | 6 Dance 3.30-7.30 Church council 7.00 pm | 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 Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9 | 12 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15 Study group 10 am & 7.30 | 13 Dance 3.30-7.30 Evng Fellowship | 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 |
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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