



ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER

October 2024



*O give thanks to our God who is good:
whose love endures forever.*

*You sun and moon, you stars of the southern
sky:*

*Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
All mountains and valleys, grassland and
scree,
glacier, avalanche, oceans and rivers.*

*You kauri and pine, rata and kowhai, mosses
and ferns:*

*Dolphins and kahawai, sealion and crab,
Coral, anemone, pipi and shrimp:*

Rabbits and cattle, moths and dogs,

Kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:

*You Māori and Pakeha, women and men,
All who inhabit the long white cloud:*

give to our God your thanks and praise.

FROM: A NZ PRAYER Book

Greetings

Okay, so, before you groan and turn the page, hear me out. I want to reflect once again on the value of our church fair. In the church service the Sunday before writing this article, I once again reflected very briefly on the best part of the annual fair. I would like to expand a little on what I said. Please read on and hopefully it will inspire you to get involved more fully in the organisation and execution of this event.

For me the value of the fair is found in the members of St Margaret's all working together for a common goal. Besides the money raised, which is significant for our church's bottom line, the first thing of immense value is the relationships that are built and strengthened as we labour together in the lead -up to and fair day itself. The chatter, the laughter, the sweat raised through working together is an incredible opportunity to get to know each other. I guess, for those people who are relatively new to St Margaret's, here is a great opportunity to get to know your new spiritual home and its people.

The second value is the principle that we get more work done when we work together than if as work as individuals. There is a corporate amplification of our efforts when we do it as a team. Over many years the fair has grown and grown. Each year we want to do better than the year before, hence the

evaluation to do at the end of each fair. If you have not been involved in a fair at St Margaret's, now is your opportunity to bring your unique and important skills to the party. Please consider volunteering to help in some way. Chat to Sheryn, Lynley or Delena at church, they will find something that you can get working on.

Lastly, and most importantly, the value of the fair is in the contact we have with our community. We could probably make a ton more money if we raised prices just a fraction, but that is not the point. Giving the community the opportunity to get a significant amount of clothing and home good at a very affordable price is what it is about. The other wonderful thing is the community having the opportunity to buy some unique things made by the very skilled and talented people in our parish.

Please get involved, if you have in the past then maybe you want to step it up and get more involved, take on a bigger task. For those who are not able to help practically, I offer you a task that is just as important, please will you commit to praying for the fair! Pray for goods to be donated, pray for the team running the fair, pray for the weather, pray that the community turns up in great numbers to support us.

God bless us all as we work together in this important missional event in the life of our church.



Rodney

Personal

- David Ross is now home and learning to adjust to life outside the hospital environment where he's spent the last 4 months. Priscilla has her leg cast off but still must be very careful. Their daughter Penny is recovering from surgery on her foot. Please keep the Ross family in your prayers.
- Lance Hurly still has long covid and has days when he is very unwell. Pray for both Lance & Pam at this difficult time.

Lectionary

6 Oct.	Job 1:1,2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
13	Job 23:1-9,16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
20	Job 38:1-7	Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
27	Job 42:1-6,10-17	Psalm 34:1-8	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
1 Nov.	Solomon 3:1-9	Psalm 24	Revelations 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
6 Oct.	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Rodney Ramsay	Lynley McInnarney	Alfred Enslin
.13 Oct	Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster	-	Sarah Smith	Jenny Fisher
20 Oct	Selma Britz & Sonja-Ané Britz	Daniel Togaloa	Helen Bassett	Hazel O'Brien
27 Oct	Karen & Andrew Coleman	-	Clean up after fair	Alfred Enslin
1 Nov	Margaret Opray Lynn Russell	Paul Betteridge	Rosenda Upton	Chris Rosanowski



SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024

We are in countdown mode now with the fair set to take place in just over a 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!

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, **pre-bagged 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.

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 – As in previous years we have the option for people/businesses to contribute through sponsorship towards the costs of running the fair, this pays 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 Delena.

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 between now and the end of the school holidays. If you need additional flyers, please contact Lynley

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 Malcolm 021 762633 or Sarah 0273615015 know and they will add you to the team.

CHURCH OPEN FOR DROP OFFS:

Monday 28th October 10-12 noon (Labour Day)

Tuesday 29 October 10-3, 7-8pm

Wednesday 30 October 10am-3pm

Thursday 31 October 10-3, 7-8pm

Friday 1st November 10 – 3 pm, 5 pm - 8 pm

THE WEEK BEFORE

Sunday 27 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. If you're unsure what you can do, the hall area always needs help with the second-hand clothing sort.

ON THE DAY! SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7.00 am - 9.30 am: Final Set up

9.30 am - 9.45 am: Fair Briefing

10.00 am – 1 pm: THE FAIR!

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

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

Sheryn Jacques	021936067
Lynley McInnarney	0272780010
Delena West	021332449
Diane Pratt	0211596032
Malcolm Galloway	021762633
Sarah Smith	0273615015
Nicole Jury	0211712404

From the Board of Managers

Once again, I sit writing this article with my thoughts and prayer going out to Lance and Pam as Lance continues to struggle with Long-Covid. I am hoping that we will be able to report the financial position of St Margaret's in our next newsletter.

In the meantime, things continue to happen at the church. The tree that was half trimmed when I wrote the September newsletter article, has been full trimmed. The sewer issue has just deepened, and we are staring down a significant bill to repair our troubled sewerage system. At the time of writing this article we are still awaiting a second and third quote. Our hope remains that we can get the work completed before the church Fair in November.

You may have noticed that there are three very large water tanks sitting outside the lounge door at the back of the building. These are a part of St Margaret's plan to be ready to serve our community in the event of a disaster. A Staff member from WREMO (Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office) will be meeting with our church council in November to help us draw up a Disaster Management Plan and then from there will also lead a workshop early next year for all our members and members of the community, to help us be better prepared at home in the event of a disaster. With our buildings strengthened to over 80% of code we are well situated to be a resource for our community in a disaster. We can only do this if we are prepared. The finance needed to do these preparations, like the purchase of the tanks, was raised through an application for funding from the Heretaunga Bookfest trust. We are deeply grateful for the approval of our application for funding. Further details and information will be given in the near future.

Once again, a very big 'Thank You' to all the members of the Board of Managers for the hard work they put into making St Margaret's look so good.

Rodney

What's happening this month

- **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)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 October at 7.30pm in the Lounge.

The speaker will be Rachel Harrison on her interesting travels.

If those attending our meeting please can bring a grocery item for the Fair raffle, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Save the date: Christmas lunch – 4 December – at Rustic Kitchen. All are welcome.

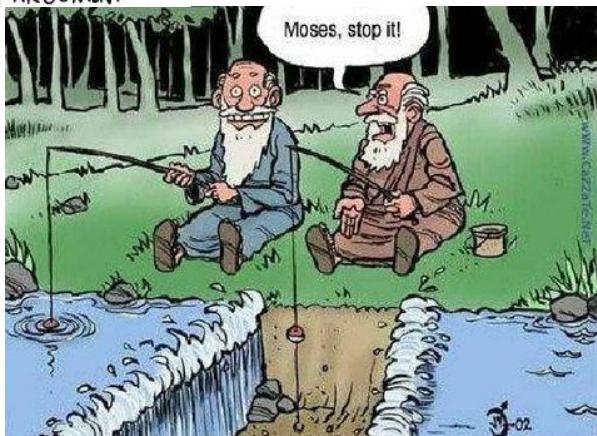
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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024 5.30 - 7PM



**ALL CHILDREN ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WELCOME. ACTIVITIES
FOR UP TO 12 YEARS OLD. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN WITH
CRAFTS, GAMES AND FOOD!! A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.**

October 2024

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835
Clerk: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530
Website: <https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Family Team: Contact the Minister Session

Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 0272210609

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Dance 3.30-7.30	3 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30 Badminton 7.30	4 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	5
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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