



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

**NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 2025**



## Greetings

Easter is almost here, and I trust that your journey to Jerusalem has been a meaningful one so far. We continue our journey to the cross, the picture of just how much we are loved by God and the supreme example of how we should love others.

The challenge for me is finding ways in which I can practically demonstrate the love of God to others. If you are thinking that opportunities to express God's love for people is rare and hard to recognise, or that you think that you do not have the skills and knowledge to be of any help to anyone, can I encourage you with the following. A simple smile can work wonders. A word of encouragement in a conversation can brighten someone's day. A thoughtful email or text can make someone's day. Inviting someone into your space for a cup of tea, even if nothing is shared, can help them realise that they are valued and heard.

Lent and Easter are great times to reflect on what God has done for us, but also what we are doing for others. Being a long weekend, Easter is similar to Christmas in that it affords us time to spend with our families and gather for meaningful worship. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the dates and times for Easter services. Please consider attending all the services so that you can get a full experience of Easter and get the most out of it.

God bless you as you journey the remainder of Lent and then the Easter weekend. May God's love touch you, uplift you and inspire you on your faith filled journey of life.



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## Pastoral

- We continue to pray for Lance & Pam Hurly as Lance's health deteriorates and Pam's memory is not so good.
- It was with great sadness that hundreds gathered in St. Margaret's for Pat Rainey's funeral earlier in March. Pat had only just turned 98 when she was struck down on a Silverstream pedestrian crossing on her way to Rumikub. Pat was still an avid walker, attended Ti Chi, and Line dancing.



## Lectionary

<b>6 Apr</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
<b>13 Apr</b>	Luke 19:28-40	Psalms 118:1,2,19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:23-56
<b>20 Apr</b>	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1,2,14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
<b>27 Apr</b>	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
<b>4 May</b>	Acts 9:1-6	Psalms 30	Revelations 5:11-14	John 21:1-19



- **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** – Wednesday 9 April in the church lounge. Men & women all welcome. The guest speaker will be Daniel Talbot, the Upper Hutt weatherman who has set up the forecast equipment in St. Joseph's school grounds.
- **Upper Hutt Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition** – '40 years of Stitch in Upper Hutt'. On 1 March 1983, 80 women attended the first meeting of the Upper Hutt Embroiderers' Guild. The exhibition runs from 22 February to 4 May at Whirinaki Whare Taonga Upper Hutt. Over the years a number of St. Margaret's women have been members of the Guild. Jean Rothwell currently has pieces in the exhibition.

## **Board of Managers report**

Board of Managers continues to do all in its power to make St Margaret's function well and be a welcoming place for people to gather and explore their relationship with God. In this work the maintenance of our facilities remains an ongoing mission, and there are projects under way to enhance the facilities but also for our facilities to enhance our mission to the community.

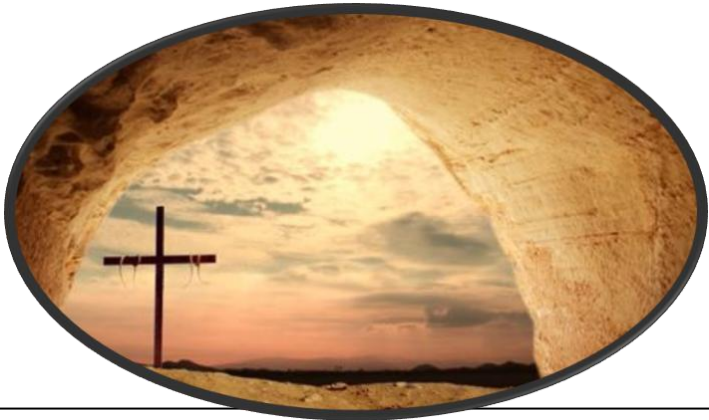
At our last meeting we looked at the projects that we were planning to undertake and felt the need to prioritize them. Below is the list of projects we are working on, in order of priority. Please note that the priorities are not set in stone, they are a guide for us.

- 1) Our top priority is the upgrading of the kitchen. As per our commitment made at the AGM last year, a final plan and budget will be brought to a congregational meeting in the very near future.
- 2) Sorting of some wood-rot and the painting of the front of the church.
- 3) The felling of the oak tree at the front of the church. For those who were not at the AGM, it was decided that the oak tree needed to be cut down. The tree is costing us thousands to maintain, it is a contributor of the wood rot on the front of the church and its roots were also found to have done damage to the sewerage system that we had to replace last year.
- 4) There is a need to reconfigure the lectern in the front of the church in order to minimise the number of steps. This will make it easier and safer for people stepping up to and down from the lectern.
- 5) The emergence exit ramp/steps at the back of the hall are no longer safe. These will need to be replaced.
- 6) Once the kitchen is done, it was felt that the lounge needed attention, and this would take the form of replacing the ceiling tiles and the carpet.
- 7) It was also felt that with the work that has been done replacing the back fence and the clearing out of that area, we needed to replace and extend the deck at the back of the lounge and put up an 'Arch Gola' type awning over it. This will create more seating for our fair days and a more welcoming area for people to sit and chat after Sunday services.

If you are unaware of who the members are of our Board of Managers, please check the photos on the noticeboard in the hall foyer. They are doing an amazing job, please thank them when you get the chance.

# ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
6 Apr	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	Daniel Tagaloa	Lynley McInnarney	David Lottering
.13 Apr	Jo Rothbaum Shirley Harrison	-	Sarah Smith	Jack Keown (Alfred)
17 Apr M.Thurs	-	-	-	Jenny Fisher
18 Apr Gd.Fri.	-	-	-	Hazel O'Brien
20 Apr	Jacqueline Kitchen Nicole Jury	Paul Betteridge	Karen Coleman	David Lottering
.27 Apr	Sarah Smith Sandi Rothwell	-	Helen Bassett	Chris Rosanowski
4 May	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Richard Harrison	Rosenda Upton	Jenny Fisher



## Easter Services

Sun.	13 April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday
Thurs	17	7.00 pm	Maundy Thurs. (Communion)
Friday	18	10.00 am	Good Friday
Sun.	20	10.00 am	Easter Day (Communion)

**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH**  
**FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 5.30-7.00PM**

The logo for Messy Church features the word "Messy" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font, and the word "Church" in a smaller, yellow, bold, sans-serif font below it. Both words are set against a red, irregular, splatter-like background that resembles a paint splash. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the word "Church".

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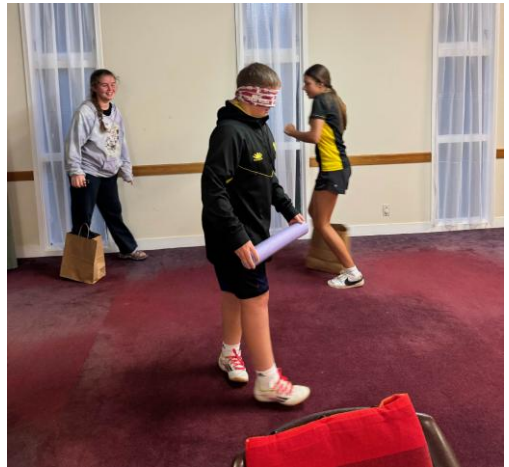
**ALL CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WELCOME. ACTIVITIES  
FOR UP TO 12 YEARS OLD. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN WITH  
CRAFTS, GAMES AND FOOD!! A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.**



**YOUTH GROUP** has resumed in 2025 with a slightly different format! We now meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 7.30-9 in the lounge at the church with Lynley, Eleanor, Rodney and Delena taking the group, we have a good roster of helpers and a great group of young people. So far we have been enjoying games, a BBQ and just this week you may have seen us around Silverstream for the “beanbag game”.

Youth group is for young people year 8 - year 13. If you have a young person that might be keen to come along just touch base with one of the leaders and we'll get them on the WhatsApp group. Some weeks we do vary the time and location to allow for different activities, so it pays to touch base and check in for updates.

Here are some pics of what we have been up to...





## ***St Margaret's Winter Warmers Fair is coming up***

***When: Saturday 17th May 2025 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 bbq 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.

Unfortunately we are unable to raffle wine at the Winter Warmers. 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](mailto:sheryn.jacques@ajpark.com)

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

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# April 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		8 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	2 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Dance 5.-8.30	3 Pilates 6.00-8.00	4	5
6 Communion	7 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	8 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	9 Dance 5.00-8.30 Evng. Fellowship	10 Pilates 6.00-8.00	11 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	12
13 Family Service Palm Sunday	14 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	15 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	16 Dance 5.00-8.30 Bd. Managers	17 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Maundy Thursday	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	23 Dance 5.00-8.30	24 Pilates 6.00-8.00	25 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	26
27 Morn. Worship	28 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	29 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	30 Dance 5.00-8.30			

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