



ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
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Winter teaches us the importance of rest and patience.

Just as the earth lies dormant to prepare for spring, we, too, need periods of rest to grow spiritually. In a culture that often glorifies busyness, winter is a reminder that slowing down is not only okay but necessary for renewal.

Greetings

There are very few things in life that we know are going to happen. The two classic ones are death and taxes. But there is a third, and this is one that often leaves us no less uncomfortable – Change.

There are a few unhelpful ways of dealing with change. The first is to dig our heels in and resist change at all costs. What happens when we do this is that life around us changes and we soon find that we are left behind, out of touch and irrelevant. The second is to be open to change, but to let it happen without any conscious thought and planning. When we face change in this way, we often leave a trail of hurt and fear in our wake.

The proper way to face change is to look at the past, evaluate the present and consciously plan for the future.

Why do I say this? I look around me and I see a fair amount of change that has happened at St Margaret's and some changes that are in the planning. For me change is exciting. It is a sign of life within a congregation. A parish is spiritually alive when people are dreaming about how things change and what opportunities we might grab onto to serve our community.

The physical changes are glaringly obvious with the oak tree gone, but there is exciting stuff happening in the ministry side of the church. Though it is not new, it is still very exciting that 'Playgroup' has been resurrected. What an amazing job Adena, Ainsley and Mara are doing! The manner in which the church council has

embraced my hair brain scheme to be prepared to serve our community in the event of a disaster, is very exciting to me. We are about to put in our second and final

application for funding for equipment we need and will have just had our workshop on helping people traumatised by a disaster as this newsletter goes to print.

You may have heard about our involvement in Te Hahi, a service where we make contact with, and visit people affected by domestic issues. We are about to trial an addition to the police referrals which will include referrals from Wellington Free Ambulance visits. This ministry has had its challenges but is still a wonderful opportunity to serve our community. Lastly, do I need to say anything about 'Winter Warmers'? It warms my heart to see our people working so hard to put smiles on peoples faces.

St Margaret's is alive and well and this is all thanks to you, the members. Your faith and life continue to ensure that we are a shining light in our community. God bless us all as we prepare to launch into the second half of 2025.



Ronfey

Pastoral

- Lance Hurly is now having respite care at Shona McFarlane in Lower Hutt. Continue to pray for Lance and Pam as they cope with Lance's cancer and Pam's memory loss.
- Pray for those in the parish who are undergoing treatment for various illnesses, and for those suffering from winter bugs.
- Give thanks for the services our foodbank gives, and those who supply food for St. Margaret's freezer to help others in the community.



Winter Warmers - Thank you again to all the many hands that helped contribute, create, set up, sort, serve and pack up. We couldn't do it without you.

Even the weather was in our favour on the day.

The total amount raised will be around \$5,200 which is incredible – thank you all !

Delena, Lynley and Sheryn

Lectionary

1 June	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelations 22:12-14,16,17,20,21	John 17:20-26
8 June	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17
15 June	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
22 June	1 Kings 19:1-4,8-15a	Psalm 42 and 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
29 June	Isaiah 55:6-11	Psalm 46	1 Timothy 6:11b-16	Matthew 10:26-33
6 July	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20

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Heartbeat Training - run by Wellington Free Ambulance - Wednesday 25 June 7.00 pm

- this is a free 1 hour session to learn what happens when you ring for an ambulance and how to best respond, e.g. when to use a defibrillator

THE OAK OF ST MARGARETS

Our oak tree - a beauty a sight to behold
Especially when clothed in autumnal gold
It started a sapling, but ninety years on
Its branches were spreading and getting too long.

As kids we all climbed her to dizzying heights
Alarming our parents, but to our delight.
Those acorns, abundant, were arms for a war
And many a child left the battlefield sore.

But sadly our beauty was spreading her wings
Her great sweeping boughs near electrical things.
Beneath us, more sneaky, were great spreading roots,
As if, with our plumber, they were in cahoots.

Our costs with her pruning were getting quite rough,
So, said our wise leaders - "enough is enough".
Ninety years effort by this famous tree,
Reduced to dust in an hour or three!

Ray Betteridge



ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
1 June	Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster	Malcolm Galloway	Shirley Harrison	David Lottering
8 June	Sian Scannell Sandi Rothwell	-	Carol McConnell	Alfred Enslin
15 June	Shirley Harrison Sarah Smith	Andries Labuschagne	Sarah Smith	Chris Rosanowski
.22 June	Jo Rothbaum Margaret Opray	-	Karen Coleman	Jenny Fisher
29 June	Jacqueline Kitchen Nicole Jury	Rhys West	Helen Bassett	Hazel O'Brien
6 July	Sue Taylor Delwyn Fredikson	-	Rosenda Upton	Jack Keown



- **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** next meeting is Wednesday 11 June 7.30 pm in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Kirstin Stern - Title of talk "God's creation, man's response, Churches & scenery from our trip to Europe". Men & women all welcome.

St. Margaret's Playgroup

We're excited to share that our St Margaret's new playgroup has begun and is already a real joy! The group runs every Tuesday (in term time) from 10 to 11.30 am and is open to any children under 5 and their caregiver(s). If you can't come for the whole time or just want to pop in, no worries!

Whatever suits you and your littlies. It is a wonderful space to play and have fun, while parents, grandparents, and carers can enjoy a cup of tea and a friendly chat. The children are loving using all the wonderful toys, bikes, and musical instruments that St Margaret's has —and we enjoy some singing, dancing, bubbles and plenty of play together. We've had two lovely weeks so far and would be delighted to welcome more families from the community. Everyone is welcome - please spread the word!

Adena



Notice of a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday 15 June 2025 following the morning's worship service.

Matter to be considered

Approval by the congregation to proceed with the upgrading of the kitchen.

Background

at last year's annual general meeting there was a discussion on upgrading the church kitchen. At that time it was estimated that the cost of upgrading the kitchen would be around \$40,000. Subsequent to that discussion a small subcommittee of members of the board of managers have prepared a proposal to upgrade the kitchen. That proposal Is as a result of consultation with kitchen users. At the June special meeting of the congregation the proposed work and costs will be detailed

Chris Rosanowski
Session Clerk

June 2025

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

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