




1
ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

p

NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2025



**We saw a stranger yesterday
We put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place,
And with the sacred name of the triune
God
He blessed us and our house,
Our cattle and our dear ones.
As the lark says in our song;
Often, often, often goes the Christ.
In the stranger's guise.**

From: Celtic Treasure
Liz Babbs

Greetings

February is the first month of the year where we are back to the normal functioning of the church, and what a month it has been. We have celebrated the birthdays of two of our very special members in Pat Rainey and Joice Castle. Both have edged into the second half of their 90's and it is special to celebrate the many years that they have enriched our St Margaret's community.



There is so much happening in the life of our church that fills me with great joy. Our readiness to serve our community in a time of crisis is taking shape; the 3 tanks are in place and full; mattresses have been purchased and stored; our Disaster Management Plan is taking shape; we are about to have our workshop on being prepared at home and there are a few more things on the planning table to enhance our readiness. A very special 'Thank You' to Richard Harrison for his hard work in building a base for the tanks, placing them and filling them. We SO appreciate your hard work, Richard.

Te Hahi is going strong. Please read the article provided by Jenny Fisher. Youth has started with a bang and happening every second Thursday. If you have family who are year 8 and above, please encourage them to join us. Please chat to Delena for details.

From a spiritual perspective we are about to enter Lent. Lent is a very special season of the year where we start to prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Easter proclaims the reality and power of the risen Christ present in the sacrament of Communion and in scripture and invites us into an ever deeper living relationship with Christ. St Margaret's will be starting Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on the 5th March at 6.00pm, all are welcome. Please walk humbly with us as we approach Easter and may God bless you richly on this important journey.

RODNEY

Lectionary

2 Mar	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
9 Mar	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1,2,9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
16 Mar	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
23 Mar	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
30 Mar	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32
6 Apr	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
2 Mar	Jan Hill Sarah Smith	-	Shirley Harrison	Alfred Enslin
9 Mar	Jacqueline Kitchen Margaret Patrick	Clive McGovern	Ainsley Andrews	Chris Rosanowski
16 Mar	Karen Coleman Lin Coleman	-	Jan Hill	Jack Keown (David)
23 Mar	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Rodney Ramsay	Rosenda Upton	Jenny Fisher
30 Mar	Lynn Russell Derilene Aston	-	Carol McConnell	Hazel O'Brien
6 April	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	Daniel Togaloo	Lynley McInnarney	David Lottering



Rhys West



Carol McConnell



Peter Stern



Alfred Enslin



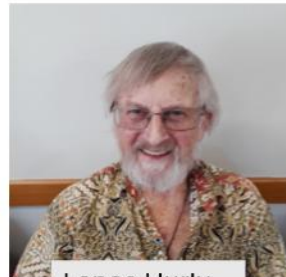
Sarah Smith



Richard Harrison



Chris Upton



Lance Hurly



Ainsley Andrews

Board of Managers

Board of Managers

Chairman -

Secretary -

Treasurer -

Rev. Rodney Ramsay

Carol McConnell

Lance Hurly

Assoc. Treasurer -

Health & Safety -

Sarah Smith

Sarah Smith

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



**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.**

Explanation of God

This was written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton of Chyka Vista, CA., for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. For all the adults in the world that I've asked, "Why do you believe in God?" they could never come up with an answer as good as this. "One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to the mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people like preachers and things, pray at bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mum and Dad's head asking for something they said that you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to

learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His father and He told His father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so that one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared of the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But You shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that's why I believe in God.



A dozen of us make up the St Margaret's Te Hāhi team. Our bakers have twice dropped off lovely, greatly appreciated goodies to the UH Police.

The whānau support team are on call one week in four to take referrals from the police family harm team. Episodes the police have been called to which are not serious enough for further action from them, are referred to us, when the people accept the offer of contact from a Te Hāhi volunteer. During our three on-call weeks we've had 13 referrals with 22 people to contact. Ages have ranged from 19 to 76 involving siblings, parent/offspring and partners.

In pairs we make contact via text and call, to offer support and a listening ear. A longer phone call or visit may follow. After several attempts, there are some we are unable to reach. We leave a voice message and text, so they know there are volunteers in the community who care and whom they can contact when they feel able.



- 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** – the next meeting is Wednesday 12 March at 7.30 pm in the Lounge. Allison Kingsford will be our speaker on Gardening. All welcome.

Free Brand new Lenova keyboard and mouse. Package never opened. Contact Hazel 0273089613

March 2025

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
2 Communion	3 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	4 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6-8.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	5 Ash Wednesday service 6pm. Dance 5.00-8.30 Session	6 Pilates 6.00-8.00	7 World Day of prayer 10.00	8
9 Family Service	10 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	11 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6-8.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	12 Dance 5.00-8.30 Evng. Fellowship	13 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group	14	15
16 Morn. Worship	17 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	18 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6-8.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	19 Dance 5.00-8.30 Bd. Managers	20 Pilates 6.00-8.00	21	22
23 Morn. Worship	24 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	25 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6-8.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	26 Dance 5.00-8.30	27 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group	28	29
30 Morn. Worship	31 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