



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER MAY 2025



Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen

(Author unknown)

Greetings

Easter has come and gone but I hope that something of the celebration has stuck with you and has enriched you walk with Jesus. This time in the church year is marked by reflections on how we live out our faith in a resurrected Christ, which is always a challenge in the present world we live in.

I have been using a devotional app on my phone, called Lectio 365, and the closing prayer is always the same, a prayer that is meaningful to me as I try to live out my faith in a resurrected Christ. The prayer says.

"Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you, in every way.

Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.

Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
Amen"



Regarding being kind to everyone we meet, Winter Warmers is this month. A wonderful time where we have the opportunity to have contact with many people in our community. In past years I have commented about the fair being an amazing time for us to work together. I have also made mention of the service we provide in making affordable second-hand clothing and manchester available. This year I would like us to give a thought to the blessing of meeting and talking with people who come through our door. What a privilege! My prayer this year will be that everyone who comes to the fair experiences the grace of God through everyone they interact with. Please pray for the fair committee as they are in the busiest organizational time for the fair. Pray also for goods to be donated for the fair and, lastly, please pray for those who will come to the fair that they have a blessed experience while they are here.

Rodney

Pastoral

- Continue to pray for Lance & Pam Hurly. At the time of writing this newsletter, Lance is in hospital. We give thanks for the support their sons Mark & Ross, and their families are giving, as they support their parents.



Our family would like to thank the St Margaret's family for making mum feel welcome & cared for. She said to me recently that the Presbyterian church has always felt like family to her. Mum has been living with us in Carterton & will continue to do so for now. She's doing well, loving life & is surrounded by family which includes four generations. In herself she

doesn't feel any different, can't believe she's 94 & gets frustrated by her memory loss which she has always prided herself on.

Thank you to Malcolm & Heather-Lee for taking her to & from church, Alison for taking her to Friendship Group & lunch, Diane for rides & also any other people who have assisted that we are unaware of.

We will continue to Zoom in when we can & enjoy newsletter & email updates.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

On behalf of Audrey McDonald's family

Lectionary

4 May	Acts 9:1-6	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	Johns 21:1-19
11 May	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
18 May	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
25 May	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10,22-22:5	John 14:23-29
1 June	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16,17,20,21	John 17:20-26

Easter Messy Church at St Margaret's – What a Wonderful Evening!

On Friday 11 March, St Margaret's Church was buzzing with laughter, creativity and connection as we welcomed over 50 people to our Easter Messy Church.

With colourful signs, a sprinkle of Facebook magic and open hearts, we were thrilled to see so many families from our wider community step into our space and experience the warmth that makes St Margaret's so special.

This time, Messy Church truly lived up to its name and we loved every minute of it! From painting Easter egg rocks, crafting glittery eggs that opened and closed, to making sweet marshmallow Easter eggs and decorating boxes to tuck them into, creativity was everywhere (along with a bit of glitter and glue).

After the fun and crafts, we gathered together to hear the Easter Story, a beautiful reminder of hope and new beginnings, before sharing a delicious meal as one big community family.

💎 These moments don't happen by chance – they happen because of you. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time, donated materials, prepared food or simply showed up with a smile to help make this event such a success.

It's evenings like these that remind us of the joy found in community, connection and a little bit of mess!

We can't wait to welcome you all back for the next Messy Church. Watch this space!

Warmly

The St Margaret's Messy Church Team

Messy Church







Youth Group

Here are some pictures of the Youth Group challenge held recently.





Oak Tree at St Margaret's

At last year's AGM a proposal was brought by Board of Managers to fell the oak tree in the front of the church. After discussion it was taken to a vote and the decision to remove the oak tree was unanimous.

Why remove the oak tree?

There are 3 reasons why this has become necessary. The first is that the tree has got to the height where it is needing to be trimmed every 2 years to make sure it is clear of the power lines. This



trimming costs us in the region of \$3500 each time. Board of Managers felt that it was not good stewardship spending this amount of church money on trimming a tree. The second reason came to light when we found wood rot around the windows in the front of the church. This partly due to the church not getting enough sunlight. The third reason has to do with oak tree roots found in the sewer pipes when we replaced them. Though they were not the main reason for the sewer blockage problem we were having, it was certainly a contributing factor and would only get worse in the future.

This decision was not taken lightly and we will be replacing it with a more suitable NZ species. If you have any preferences or suggestions as to what type of tree might be better suited in the front of the church, please let me know.

Rodney

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
4 May	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Daniel Togaloo	Rosenda Upton	David Lottering
.11 May	Jan Hill Derilene Aston	-	Jan Hill	Jack Keown
18 May	Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster	Malcolm Foster/Ray Betteridge	Ainsley Andrews	Jenny Fisher
.25 May	Lynn Russell Margaret Patrick	-	Shirley Harrison	Hazel O'Brien
1 June	Karen & Andrew Coleman	Malcolm Galloway	Carol McConnell	Alfred Enslin



- 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 14 May at 7.30pm in the lounge and our speaker will be Pam Wakelin on her travels.
 Please bring your items for the Winter Warmers raffle or leave up in the box in the hall foyer - thank you.



***Not long to go until our Winter Warmers Fair - Saturday 17th May
2025 10.00 am until 1.00 pm***

**Goods Drop Off Times: Sat 10th May 9 am - 10.30 am,
Sunday 11th May 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and Friday 16th
May 9 am - 3 pm.**

Just a reminder - we will be selling anything that reflects winter (new and second hand) warm clothing, jackets, hats, scarves, beanies, blankets, baby knitting, books, puzzles, board games, baking, sweets, crafts, house plants, raffles (grocery items or winter themed donations are needed) etc. Also, our **local cafe** will be selling warm soup and cheese rolls plus other warming treats along with our very own resident BBQ team.

All contributions can be delivered to the church or if you need something collected, please let us know. **Please note** - We don't sell furniture and big items at the Winter Warmers.

Any offers of help please contact Sheryn 021 936067
sheryn.jacques@ajpark.com Delena 021 332449
delenarhys24@gmail.com or Lynley 5288213 or 027
2780010 mcinnarneys@gmail.com

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

Board of Managers

The Board of Managers continue to work at maintaining and developing our beautiful church complex. I would like to make special mention of Lance Hurley who has served on Board of managers for many years and as treasurer for over 40 years. Our prayers are with Lance as he continues his struggle with cancer.

Sarah Smith who has taken over as treasurer at St Margaret's is doing an amazing job settling into the role. Can I thank you for your patience in receiving your tax forms as Sarah finds her feet. Though we are not yet able to present financial reports for the newsletter, we continue well financially and for that we are very grateful.

By the time this newsletter is published the oak tree that has stood in front of the church will be gone, the wood rot in the front of the church will be in the process of being attended to and the final details for the revamp of the kitchen will be almost ready for a congregational meeting.

Personally, I am very excited about the energy and excitement people are showing for projects to develop our church complex. Please be assured that though there is a lot happening, we are very mindful of our responsibility in management of the church assets.



St. Margare's has two pianos they would like to find homes for. No charge, but no guarantees regarding their musical ability.

Please contact either Rodney or Richard Harrison (528.9608)

May 2025

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