




# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER

July 2025



Lord, as I try to build my life today  
A few bricks at a time,  
Help me to build it on reality.  
To face the present with the courage  
Only you can give.  
It's tempting now and then  
When life's a little rough -  
I try to keep it in perspective, Lord -  
To look behind.  
Imagine life was easier,  
Grass greener,  
Than it is today.  
So tempting, Lord  
To let nostalgia rule,  
To play the tapes  
That tell me life was better then,  
And try to turn my back on now.

Lord, help me face the day.  
Help me to seize the time  
And shake it  
'til the joy it holds  
Spills out  
And fills my life.  
Help me to sense your presence on the road  
And in those moments when I seem alone  
Give me the faith that says you're there.

From Cross Purposes  
Eddie Askew

## Greetings

Over the past 5 years I have been tempted to think that there was something weird about me and my family. We have been blessed with the ability to dodge Covid – Until last week! Fortunately, it was not a bad experience, and I recovered in time to take this last Sunday's service and have the privilege to officiate at Archer's funeral.

I have to admit that I am still feeling a little 'shell shocked' and the reality of losing such a special young man as Archer is slowly sinking in. As a community our hearts go out to the Betteridge and Noyes families for their unspeakable loss, especially for Tam, Paul, Billy and Poppy. Please join with me in praying for them in the days, weeks and months ahead. Pray that they will find comfort and peace through the extended family, the St Margaret's community and in the love of God.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are in the process of appointing a part time 'Family Worker' at St Margaret's. An announcement will be made soon regarding the successful candidate, with details of the role.

Thank you to all those who attended the special congregational meeting on the 15 June. The upgrade to the kitchen has been launched and work should begin on site in just over a month.

In the midst of our sadness, we continue to celebrate some exciting developments within our very special church community. Our sincere hope and prayer is that God will bless and guide us as we seek to know Him better, grow in our faith and serve our community out of a deep and authentic love.

Blessing to you all



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## Pastoral

- It was with huge sadness that we learnt of the passing in his sleep of Archer Raymond Betteridge (age 11), son of Paul & Tamara, and brother of Billy and Poppy. Our prayerful support goes out to Paul, Tamara, Billy & Poppy and to the whole Betteridge family.
- Pam Hurly has now moved to a room at Shona McFarlane in Lower Hutt where she can visit Lance at any time. Lance continues to cope with terminal cancer.
- Congratulations to Shirley & Richard Harrison who have become first-time grandparents. Spencer is the son of Catherine & Zane.



## Lectionary

<b>6 July</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
<b>13 July</b>	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>20 July</b>	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>27 July</b>	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 1:1:1-13
<b>3 Aug.</b>	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9,43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

## ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
<b>6 July</b>	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	-	Rosenda Upton	Jenny Fisher
<b>13 July</b>	Derilene Aston Lynn Russell	Mike McInnarny	Jan Hill	Chris Rosanowski
<b>20 July</b>	Sarah Smith Margaret Patrick	-	Ainsley Andrews	Jenny Fisher
<b>.27 July</b>	Heather-Lee and Malcolm Foster	Chris Upton	Shirley Harrison	Hazel O'Brien
<b>3 Aug.</b>	Sandi Rothwell Jo Rothbaum	-	Carol McConnell	David Lottering

## St. Margaret's Pantry



Alongside our new library, kindly donated and operated by residents in Silverstream, we have our Pantry which has become a huge success. Our own parish members, as well as members of the community donate food which people in need can pick up for free. If you have excess vegetables, fruit, non perishable goods, think about putting them in the Pantry.

**Only food – no 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods please**



- **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.
- Fellowship July meeting will be a lunch at Quinn's Post on Wednesday 9 July instead of our evening meeting. All members of the congregation are welcome. Please give your name to Jacqueline, payment for your meal on the day for whatever you order.

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### **Heartbeat Training - run by Wellington Free Ambulance - Wednesday 23 July 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 (This meeting had to be postponed in June)

**ST MARGARETS CHURCH SILVERSTREAM**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**held following the morning worship service on Sunday 15 June 2025**

**PRESENT:** Rev Rodney Ramsay (Moderator), and 59 members of the congregation.

**OPENING:** Rodney explained that this special meeting was to update the congregation on the work to upgrade the kitchen as undertaken at the AGM in 2024 and to seek approval to carry out the proposed improvements. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Chris Upton was then invited to take the congregation through a presentation describing the action taken since the last congregational AGM in 2024.

The meeting was then opened for discussion and the answering of questions. During the discussion comment was made that the piles under part of the kitchen floor needed strengthening and that this work was included within the quotes obtained. Also during the discussion was the pledge of \$615.00 toward the cost from the Afternoon Fellowship.

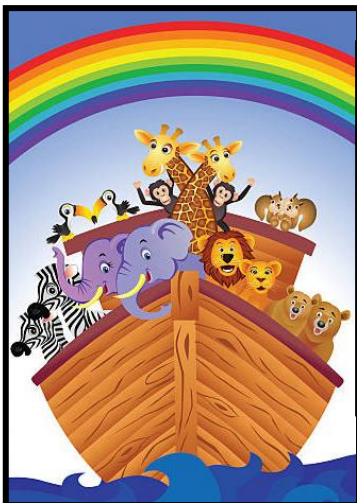
At the conclusion of the discussion, it was then moved by Chris Upton seconded by Alred Enslin:

“That the kitchen upgrade as outlined in the presentation given this morning at a cost of up to \$45,000 excluding GST be agreed.”

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

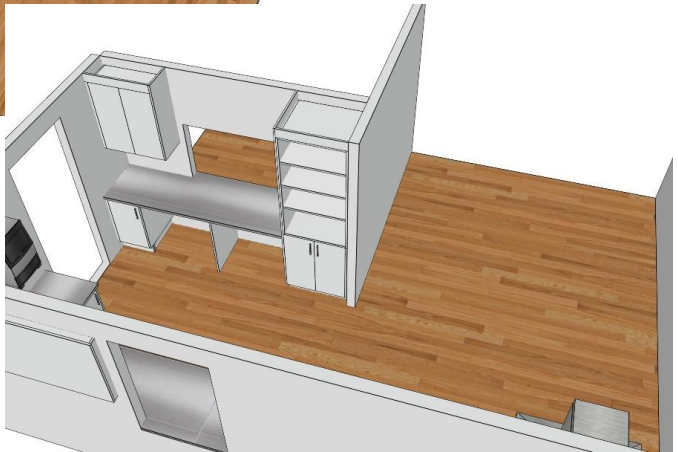
Meeting ended at 11:20 am with the sharing in the Benediction.

Chris Rosanowski  
 Session Clerk  
 15 June 2025



**Quiz Night has been re-scheduled for 26 July, 6.00pm in the hall. Teams of 5 max. If you cannot make a team please just arrive on the night and we will make up teams. Entry fee is \$5 per person. This event will be a fundraiser for the kitchen. The theme is Noah's Ark. Those who put their hand up to help, please can you confirm whether you are still available.**

**The following 2 pages are a repeat of the presentation shown at the Sunday morning meeting**



## **Conducted interviews and surveys with approx. 10 power users!!**

### **Main Findings:**

- Happy with overall layout
- Cabinets, cupboards, paint etc are very tired.
- Need to declutter unused items and better utilise space.
- Move Pie Warmer (not frequently used outside of fair)
- Stainless Steel island is great, open shelves in this area work well (no need to replace this area)
- Prefer for a continuous stainless bench top on the lounge (to match existing island)
- Rework storage of mugs, utensils, plates, waste/recycling etc.
- Retain two sinks (make one (by coffee) twin)
- Keep servery hatch to Hall and Lounge
- Appliances work well - no need to replace.

### **From the Board of Managers**

As mentioned in the main article, the kitchen upgrade has been launched and work on site should start in around 5 to 6 weeks. This will cause some inconvenience for any activity in the church that uses the kitchen. The important activity is the hallowed cup of tea after church. Everything will be done to make sure we can still fellowship together on Sundays.

We have come to the end of our church financial year, which ended on 30 June. We are very aware that we have not been able to report the financial progress through the year as we have walked the journey of Lance's illness and the handover to our new treasurer, Sarah Smith. We are working at getting our monthly financial report into the monthly newsletter in the very near future. I hope that for you 'no news is good news', in that our finances remain strong in the parish and for this we are deeply grateful to everyone for their faithfulness and generosity.

I would like to thank the whole of the Board of Managers committee for their hard work and faithfulness in keeping the St Margaret's facility looking so amazing and running smoothly.

# July 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 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 7.30-9.00	11	12
13 Family Service	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	18	19
20 Morn.Worship	21 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	22 Play Grp Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	23 Dance 5.00-8.30 CPR training 7.00 pm	24 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	25	26 Quiz Night 7.00 pm
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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