



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



### **Blessing**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Abide deep within you.

May you know you are exactly  
who you are meant to be.

May you be content with yourself  
knowing you are God's unique creation  
and can never be separate from God.

May you not forget the great potential  
born of faith, that is in you and others.

May you use the gifts you receive,  
and pass on the love that is given you.

May your soul always find freedom  
to dance in abundant gratitude.

And may God continue to bless you  
and others through you.

Amen.

**From – Veil over the Light**

**By – Joy Cowley**

**Pleroma Christian Supplies, Otane. Hawkes Bay**

## Greetings

The theme that has come out of our recent church services has been around what it means to be the church. We are called to be a community that loves and supports each other in the church, a community that grows together in our love and knowledge of God and a church that serves our wider Silverstream community. We not only grow together, but we also laugh and cry together. As a community we still feel very deeply the loss of Archer and the pain and grief that Tamara, Paul, Billy, Poppy and the wider Betteridge and Noyes family are going through. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



I would like to say a few words about one of the service programs we have in the church, that of Te Hahi. If you are not aware, Te Hahi is a national organisation that was set up to support families where there has been conflict in the family and the police were involved. Te Hahi gets referrals from the police to follow up with families in situations that are low risk. We make contact with the families and visit them if they would like us to. We also support with food and other practical needs. Oh, and we bless the police by dropping off baking for them. There are 4 churches in Upper Hutt that are involved in this ministry, St Margaret's being one of them. Our team of visitors are trained and now, we can say with some confidence, gaining experience.

Why am I talking about Te Hahi again? Well, two reasons. First is that Te Hahi has now formalised an agreement with Wellington Free Ambulance and when their paramedics do a home call, they will be handing people a card with Te Hahi contact number on it so that they can call us if they feel that they need a visit. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email or give me a call and we can slot you into the next training session. The second reason I raise Te Hahi is that I will be taking over as the 'Regional Champion' for Upper Hutt when Mile Davison, the pastor of Heretaunga Community Church, steps down.

The other exciting news is that, as you may know, with our centenary being 5 years away, we have undertaken to produce a book on the history of St Margaret's. This mammoth task will be led by Andrew Coleman who has kindly volunteered his time and expertise. This work is now underway.

I am humbled by the level of engagement and passion for the life and ministry at St Margaret's. I want to thank everyone for their contribution in making this a very special place of worship and ministry.

God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rodney', is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

### **Pastoral**

- We continue to keep Pam & Lance Hurly in our prayers as Lance's health deteriorates.
- Continue to pray for Tamara, Paul, Billy & Poppy as they come to terms with life without Archer. Also the wider Betteridge family.

## Lectionary

<b>3Aug</b>	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalms 107:1-9,43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
<b>10</b>	Isaiah 1:1,10-20	Psalms 50:1-8,22,23	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	Luke 12:32-40
<b>17</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:1,2,8-10	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
<b>24</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
<b>31</b>	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81:1,10-15	Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16	Luke 14:1,7-14
<b>7 Sept.</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6,13-18	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33

## ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
3 Aug.	Sandi Rothwell Jo Rothbaum	-	Carol McConnell	Alfred Enslin
.10	Jacqueline Kitchen Jan Hill	Clive McGovern	Lynley McInnarney	David Lottering
17	Karen & Andrew Coleman	-	Sarah Smith	Jenny Fisher
.24	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Warren & Toby Potter	Helen Bassett	Chris Rosanowski
21	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	-	Rosenda Upton	Hazel O'Brien
7 Sept	Sarah Smith Derilene Aston	Stephen Fletcher	Jan Hill	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** is **cancelled** for August due to the refurbishing of the kitchen and also the speaker is unavailable.

## Annual Quiz Night

I must admit I was a little nervous about the turn out for the Quiz Night, as there was a lot going on in the community. Why was I so worried? We had 9 tables and those who came embraced the theme with gusto. We had a lot of fun and there were some surprises in the handing out of the non-formal 'prizes'. The most notable was Shirley Main getting the 'Clean-up-your-act' award for giving me a hard time about the shade of blue on the flag of Finland.

Well done to the 'Ararat Swim Team' for taking the overall honours on the night, this team was the Rothbaum family, Sian and a friend of Jo's.

A very special 'Thank you' to the team that helped put the evening together. I think we have started an annual tradition.

*Rodney*

# Quiz night



**The winning team for the night**



**Best dressed young person for the night  
Elodie Lambell**



**Best dressed team**



**Best dressed adult  
Hazel O'Brien  
(octopus)**





## Board of Managers

In terms of the report from the Board of managers, their focus is on the kitchen. When writing this report there is 5 days before the start of the kitchen renovation. The anticipation for me is growing and I am sure that I am not the only one excited about seeing a fresh, mostly new, kitchen.

As the kitchen renovation sets off, we are aware that there are other things on the agenda. One of the issues we need to address is the need for a new **Health and Safety Officer**. If there is anyone in our parish that has any experience with Health and Safety or is willing to learn as they take up the role, please can you email me, and we can meet and chat about it.

Other projects that are in the pipeline are dealing with the wood rot on the front of the church and painting, which will need to wait for summer, and the widening of the entrance and driveway.

St Margaret's would not function as it does without the work of the Board of Managers. I cannot thank the group enough for the time and hard work they put in.

Rodney



# August 2025

**Minister:** Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835  
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**Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609

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

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