



NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2025



**SPRING IS A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS**

*Whatever your journey,  
whatever you are dealing with at  
present,  
let your spirit engage with the trees,  
remember you have put down roots  
and you can handle some buffeting  
about.  
Let your heart sing with the birds.  
Whatever our circumstances  
we can celebrate a new day beginning  
and give thanks for a day ended.*

From: 'We Well People'  
By: Rev John Hunt

## Greetings

Driving into the airport the other day to farewell a daughter travelling to Brisbane, I was reminded of a comment Rodney made one recent Sunday when speaking about Jesus and His interaction with the crowd.

Driving down the motorway one of the big illuminated road information signs said it would be 28 minutes to the airport. Good, I thought, I'll just be on time. Only 22 minutes later there I was (no speeding!) at the airport and that was despite a delay after the Terrace tunnel. On my return journey there is a similar road sign outside St Pat's School (Town). This sign gave me a choice - 11 minutes on State Highway 1 or 18 minutes around the Bays. I think the back office transposed the figures, as traffic crawled all the way from St Pats to the Basin Reserve. My expectations of a relatively quick trip home rapidly disappeared.

Jesus was talking to the crowd about change. They had been told that the Kingdom of God was near. What Jesus was actually saying was that the people needed to recognise that God was with them and that God loved them. There was a need for them to transform themselves; to recognise change was occurring in the world around them.

September heralds spring; a time when earth transitions from the cold and the wet of winter and enters the new life and warmth of spring. Thinking about that idea of transition, I wondered whether I needed to thaw my attitudes towards God and take advantage of spring and transition toward a better and closer relationship with God. I wonder with winter ending, whether you too need to review your relationship with God and start a springtime transition into a closer relationship with God?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve". It is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent downward stroke on the right side.

## Pastoral

- It was with great sadness that we farewelled Lance Hurly on Friday 8 August. Lance served in many roles, not just in the parish and that showed when the church and lounge were packed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam, Mark, Ross and their families. Pam is now resident at Shona McFarlane in Lower Hutt and we pray that she will settle into her new environment and make friends with other residents.



- Congratulations to Karen & Andrew Coleman, first time grandparents to Lilian-May (to be called Lily) born in Brisbane.
- Congratulations also to Margaret & Ian Opray, first time great grandparents to Oliver James Bernard; also born in Brisbane.
- SJ & Selma Britz wish to thank St. Margaret's for supporting SJ by purchasing soup after church on Sunday recently. SJ is fundraising for a school trip to Japan next year.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Malcolm & Heather-Lee Foster. Malcolm's brother died recently in Timaru.

## Lectionary

<b>7 Sept.</b>	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
<b>14 Sept</b>	Jeremiah 4:11,12,22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
<b>21 Sept</b>	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
<b>28 Sept</b>	Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15	Psalm 91:1-6,14-16	Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
<b>5 Oct.</b>	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

## Financial Summary

St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream  
For the month ended 31 July 2025

Account	Jul 2025
<b>Trading Income</b>	
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	7,765.00
2002 - Offering Envelopes	1,340.00
2010 - Loose Offerings	531.30
2100 - Fundraising	316.00
2200 - Interest Received	0.05
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	365.22
261 - Church, Hall & Lounge Hire	69.57
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,387.14</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16306.84</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(5917.70)</b>

Sarah Smith our Treasurer wishes to thank the congregation for their patience while things were sorted out after Lance became ill. We the congregation say a huge thank you to Sarah for the amount of work she has put in over recent months.

*Family Movie Night  
Friday 19 September  
5.30 pm - Moana 2*



End your term with a family night out with us in the church lounge.

Bring your own picnic or takeaway dinner for your family. We can keep eating while the movie is playing. Or just arrive in time to watch the movie with your own popcorn and snacks.

We will have tea, coffee, milo, and juice available.

**Doors open at 5.30pm and the movie 'Moana 2' will begin at 6pm.**

Any questions please contact Sian  
email: [family@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz](mailto:family@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz) phone: 0273631315



It's save the date time – **SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025**

The fair committee have met; we have rolled up our sleeves and lots are already happening behind the scenes.

### **Stall Holders**

We will soon be finalizing our '25 stall holders. As always, if you can offer assistance to any of the stalls leading up to or on the day, we welcome your time and energy.

### **Fair-wares**

It's never too soon to put your fair cap on – if you have spare time, we welcome home-grown busyness with potted plants, preserves, crafts, relishes and any donated items after a good declutter.

We get a lot of donated referrals from people who are in the process of moving away, downsizing etc so if you have family or friends that are on the move, remind them we are looking for books, second hand clothing, Steptoe, kitchenware, accessories, jewellery, manchester (just no TVs, computers or lounge suites). Closer to the fair day, we can also offer pick up of secondhand goods. If donated items can be held on to until nearer the fair day, that helps with limited space available at the church.

### **Donations**

Raffle and lucky dip donation boxes will appear in the lounge hall soon.

Baking supplies are also welcome i.e., sugar, flour, butter (yes, more important than ever) and condensed milk, golden syrup etc. A lot of the time this is donated by the people on the stalls themselves but if we can share the cost, it benefits all.

If you have any questions, please reach out to one of us 😊

**'25 Fair Team – Nicole, Lynley, Malcolm G, Diane, Sarah, Sheryn and Delena**

## ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
7 Sept	Sarah Smith Derilene Aston	Stephen Fletcher	Jan Hill	David Lottering
.14 Sept	Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster	-	Ainsley Andrews	Alfred Enslin
21 Sept	Lyn Russell Margaret Patrick	Rodney Ramsay	Carol McConnell	Jenny Fisher
.28 Sept	Sandi Rothwell Jo Rothbaum	-	Karen Coleman	Hazel O'Brien
5 Oct	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	Daniel Togaloa	Shirley Harrison	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** – Wednesday 10 September 7.30 pm in the lounge. Rosenda Upton will be the speaker - **“Chocolate Unwrapped: From Bean to Bar to Well-being”** *Discover how real chocolate nourishes health, uplifts mood, and connects us to community.* Both men and women are very welcome.

# September 2025

**Minister:** Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835  
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**Family Team:** Contact the Minister  
**Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609

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