



ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER

November 2025



Advent Prayer

God of gentle love

Show yourself to us in this Advent season

*In times of stillness, remind us of the joy of your
gift to us*

*As we gather with community, hold us close to
your faithful presence*

When prayer is all there is, help us to be constant

We are your people

And you are our God.

Amen

Greetings

“There is some good in this world, Mr Frodo, and it is worth fighting for”. Words that we reflected on in the sermon on Sunday and words that have stuck in my brain all week. Can I reflect further on one aspect of this ‘good’ that is in the world? I believe that this world is filled with good people, and it is these good people that are worth fighting for.

As I have been reflecting, I have asked myself the question, “What is the nature of the fight?”.

It is the fight for our own ‘goodness’, the courage to make choices that reflect the Kingdom of God in us. Yes, we are also counted amongst the ‘good’.

It is a fight within each of us to overcome any prejudice and stereotype that we carry that would judge a person by their circumstance rather than their inherent value as a person or their character.

It is the fight against cultural norms that would categorize people and marginalize them from full participation in our community.

It is the fight against injustices, systems that force people into poverty, systems that disrespect people’s life experience.

It is the fight for peace, a ‘war’ that we need to wage if only on our knees. There are good people suffering and dying at the hands of power-hungry leaders who care nothing for the innocent people whose lives they are ruining. We need to be their voice, not only in national media, but in our everyday conversations and prayer to God.

I have always hated relating the terms ‘war’ and ‘fight’ to our Christian faith. There are times however when the odds seem so not in favour of goodness and obstacles so large that our actions need to be equated with a ‘fight’. It is a fight because it is hard, and it needs courage to address it.

And, it is so worth the effort!

This article was also inspired by Delena West’s talk at Wednesday fellowship on the work she is doing caring for vulnerable children. Please pray for all the courageous people who work daily ‘fighting’ for a better life for our children in Aotearoa. Let us all do everything in our power to bring peace, love and goodness into every circumstance we encounter every day.

God bless.

Rodney



Lectionary

2 Nov.	Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11,12	Luke 19:1-10
9 Nov	Haggi 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Luke 20:27-38
16 Nov	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:15-19
23 Nov	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 19:11-27
30 Nov	Isaiah 2:1-6	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
7 Dec.	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7,18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12



10.0 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.



My husband, Barry and I are so very thankful for the caring and cooking we have received this year from the St. Margaret's congregation. It seems our age has caught up with us, but, thanks to God, I am now on the mend, but Barry is still laid low.

The meals and goodies received have linked me to my church family again when I haven't been able to come to church. So, a grateful, prayerful "thank you" to those who have planned the meals, cooked them and distributed them with such grace. God bless you all.

Pat and Barry Lerwill

Profit and Loss

St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream
For the month ended 30 September 2025

Account	Sept 2025
Trading Income	
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	6,930.00
2002 - Offering Envelopes	1,525.00
2010 - Loose Offerings	681.90
2020 - Special Offerings	49.40
2100 - Fundraising	20.00
2160 - Special Donations	1,000.00
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	204.35
Total Trading Income	10,410.65
Gross Profit	
	10,410.65
Operating Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	22,554.29
Net Profit	(12,143.64)

Please note there is a larger than normal loss this month due to maintenance costs around the concrete and brick work for the driveway widening.

Board of Managers

I had someone at church on the morning of the day I wrote this article commenting on how much has been achieved this year, it was someone who was seeing the new kitchen for the first time. The comment just put this year into perspective for me. So much has happened. I am saying this because this is the article for the November newsletter – November! What has happened to the year?

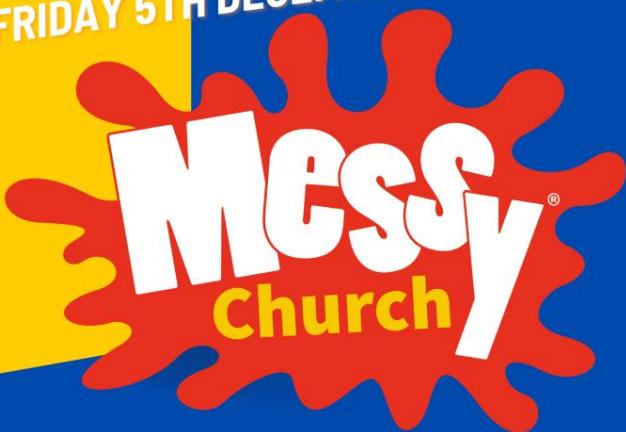
In the last month the new notice board has gone up near the front wall of the grounds for our advertising. Thank you to Ray Betteridge for making the metal frame and to Ray and Richard for erecting it for us. As I write this article, the final paint ‘touching up’ is being done to the kitchen. In November we will be dealing with the wood-rot on the front of the church and the whole exterior of the church will be painted – very exciting.

The one area of our church buildings that needs addressing is drainage. We have some significant challenges getting water off our property, which needs to be addressed. If anyone knows of a water drainage engineer, or where we can find one, please let me know.

As always, a very big ‘Thank You’ goes to all the members of the Board of Managers who do amazing work to keep our facilities and finances running smoothly.

Regards, Rodney

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 5.30-7.00PM



ALL CHILDREN ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WELCOME. CHRISTMAS
ACTIVITIES FOR UP TO 12 YEARS OLD. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN
WITH CRAFTS, GAMES AND FOOD!! A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.



Tea and chat - 5 November 2.00 pm at 2 Fendalton Crescent All welcome. This [will be](#) the **last one** for the year as the December date clashes with the Christmas lunch.

- **Evening Fellowship** - You are welcome to join us on Wednesday 12 November at 7.30 pm in the lounge for our Evening fellowship meeting. Our speakers will be Shirley and Richard Harrison on their recent visit to Uzbekistan.

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
2 Nov	Heather-Lee Malcolm Foster	Malcolm Foster/Ray B.	Carol McConnell	David Lottering
.9 Nov	Margaret Opray Sarah Smith	-	Ainsley Andrews	Alfred Enslin
16 Nov	Derilene Aston Lynn Russell	Malcolm Galloway	Rosenda Upton	Chris Rosanowski
.23Nov	Sandi Rothwell Jo Rothbaum	-	Karen Coleman	Jenny Fisher
30 Nov	Margaret Patrick Sian Scannell	Andries Labuschagne	Helen Bassett	Hazel O'Brien
7 Dec	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	-	Lynley McInnarney	Alfred Enslin



Christmas lunch Wednesday 3 December

12.00 for 12.30

\$40.00 pp

@Rustic Kitchen 1066 Maymorn Road, Te Marua

This is the annual Christmas lunch. All are invited.

Note: This is instead of our normal meeting and is a week earlier .
The menu looks great!! There is no Eftpos available so you
will need to pay me either cash or directly to my bank account
01-0542-0112162-00 Jacqueline Kitchen

Parking is limited so we will need to carpool. That can be arranged
when I have final names.

Can you please let know by 23 November if you can come. Thank you

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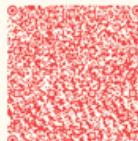


A FOREST OF SHINING LIGHTS

Shine

COME AND MEANDER THROUGH THE
CHRISTMAS FOREST AT LANE PARK CHURCH.

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO CELEBRATE
WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT.



SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
22 LANE STREET, UPPER HUTT
4PM - 8PM



November 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CHURCH FAIR
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 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	5 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Dance 5.-8.30	6	7	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 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	12 Dance 5.00-8.30 Evng. Fellowship	13 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	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 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	19 Dance 5.00-8.30 Bd. Managers	20 Pilates 6.00-8.00	21	22
23/30 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 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	26 Dance 5.00-8.30	27 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	28	29

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