



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025



*Pray with thanksgiving for the
new shoots of life budding
across our churches.*

*Small blossoms that we may
nurture into fruit.*

*Pray with concern for the
people tired by a long winter
and seeking warmth in God's
Spring.*

*Pray with compassion for those
who struggle to see new hope,
that they may know peace.*

Peter MacKenzie
Executive Secretary
Presbytery Central

Greetings

I am writing this article the day after our church AGM. I am very aware that meetings are not everybody's favourite thing. It may be a motivation for you to know that we completed the meeting in around 45 minutes. I am always very nervous when a meeting is concluded so quickly. Did we give all the items on the agenda their fair hearing; was there anything that we should have discussed that we didn't; were any issues not raised because people felt that they didn't have the freedom to raise them or felt that they didn't want to make the meeting longer?



I came away thinking nothing of the above. In reflecting on the AGM I felt that the meeting reflected the way that the church was being run by Session and the Board of Managers. Everyone seemed to be genuinely happy with the life of the church and its governance. This is in no small part due to the wonderful group of people that are our elders on Session and the Board of Managers. That being said, I feel that it is worth mentioning that if anyone could not make the AGM and feels that they have some feedback or suggestions that they would have liked to have brought up at the AGM, please feel free to chat to myself or Chris. We will take any questions, suggestions or feedback to Session and Board of Managers and it will be thoroughly discussed.

I am very excited about the year that we are in. Next year we are aiming to have the AGM earlier as it seems to me that we are wrapping up a past year and making decisions for a new year, when we are already a quarter way through the year. Watch this space. On the subject of this year, there is so much to get excited about. The fair is almost upon us and what a fantastic opportunity to serve and engage with our community. Once the rainy season has eased and it is a little warmer, the wood rot on the front of the church will be repaired and the whole outside of the church painted. A new lick of paint always makes things feel fresh and alive.

My prayer for this month is that we all feel a deeper sense of belonging and connection at St Margaret's. That we all continue to serve each other and our community in whatever ways we can. And that we can all be filled with hope and peace that we have a faith community that is going to be serving Silverstream for many years to come.

God Bless.

Rodney

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
5 Oct	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	Daniel Togaloe	Shirley Harrison	Alfred Enslin
12 Oct	Karen Coleman Lin Coleman	-	Jan Hill	Chris Rosanowski
19 Oct	Jan Hill Jacqueline Kitchen	Paul Betteridge	Helen Bassett	Jenny Fisher
26 Oct	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	-	Lynley McInnarney	Hazel O'Brien
2 Nov.	Malcolm & Heather- Lee Foster	Malcolm Foster/Ray Betteridge	Carol McConnell	David Lottering

If you are unable to do your duty, please arrange your own swap.



- 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** will meet in the lounge, 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 October. The speaker will be Delena West about her social work journey. All welcome.
 A reminder to please put your grocery item in the box for the Fair raffle. Thank you.

Financial Summary

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

Account	Aug 2025
Trading Income	
2001 - Offering Automatic Payments	7,162.50
2002 - Offering Envelopes	1,310.00
2010 - Loose Offerings	848.20
2100 - Fundraising	5.00
2160 - Special Donations - <i>Kitchen Donation</i>	3,000.00
2200 - Interest Received	38.65
2420 - Rent Received - Hall etc	539.13
261 - Church, Hall & Lounge Hire	173.91
Total Income	13,077.39
Total Operating Expenses	17,650.22
Surplus / (Defecit)	(4,572.83)

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

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Church

**ALL CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED 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.**



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

We are now in countdown mode with the fair set to take place in just a few weeks!

Thank you to everyone who has been busy planning, decluttering, delivering, planting, crafting etc. It's a busy time in the lead up and we really appreciate the way everyone comes together to make the Fair the success it is every year.

Committee – The fair committee is made up of Sheryn, Lynley, Diane, Sarah, Nicole, Malcolm G and Delena. Please touch base with us if you have any questions or would like to offer help and don't yet have a job.

Plant and Seedlings – We would be grateful for any indoor or outdoor plants.

Baking, Sweets, Café, Crafts – Please remember these stalls when your creative juices are flowing! St Margaret's is well known for the amazing creations of craft and food that flow through our doors.

Donations – Raffle, Lucky Dip, Baking Ingredients and Gift Baskets – If you are able to donate to any of these, there are boxes in the entrance to the lounge and hall area and we would be so grateful for your contributions.

Decluttering – Please continue putting things aside for the second-hand clothing, books, kitchenware, china stall, manchester and Steptoe. We will be collecting and asking for drop-offs in the two weeks prior to the fair.

Stallholders – Sheryn is coordinating our lovely stallholders again this year and the stallholders would love to hear from you if you are a regular to let them know if you're keen to help out again. ***We are also looking for people to run three of our stalls this year, these are: Harvest/preserves; DVD's/CD's puzzles, art and frames; and Craft.*** Please let Sheryn know if you are interested in running one of these; you would be well supported and it's always a satisfying thing to do.

Volunteers – As always, our day relies on your ability to contribute your time, think about how you can help on the day and/or in the lead up. Many hands make light work. It's always an enjoyable time catching up and having a laugh together throughout the time of the fair. If you don't have a spot, speak to Sheryn who will be able to link you up with the stall that fits best with your interests.

Letterbox drop – Flyers for the letterbox drop will be available and at the church from Sunday 5 October and we would love it if you can help with distributing these, giving people time to donate and not so long they forget it's on. Thanks for this – let's hope the weather cooperates for lovely walks in your neighbourhood.

Car Flyers and Posters – these are now available at the church for your cars, workplaces, sharing at the kindergartens, schools etc. Please take these with you and distribute them around the community, we can easily print more as needed.

Goods Collection – We have a small team of people who will be picking up goods for selling at the fair. If you are able to help with this, please let Malcolm Galloway know and he will add you to the team.

CHURCH OPEN FOR DROP OFFS:

Wednesday	22 October 10-12noon
Tuesday	28 October 10-3, 7-8pm
Wednesday	29 October 10am-3pm
Thursday	30 October 10-3, 7-8pm
Friday	31 October 10-3

For collection of goods please contact Malcolm 021 762 633

THE WEEK BEFORE

Sunday 26 October – After church we will be moving pews and setting up the church and hall. If you are available to help with this, that would be awesome.

As always, the week before is a busy week of sorting. If you are available for an hour or more any day, please call in and feel free to help out. If you're unsure what you can do, the hall area always needs help with the secondhand clothing sort.

ON THE DAY! SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

7.30am - 9.30am: Final Set up

9.30am - 9.45am: Fair Briefing

10.00am – 1pm: THE FAIR!

1.00pm-4.00pm: Pack up/ Clean up/ Goods disposal/ Return of borrowed items

Phone numbers for committee members are listed here, please touch base with any questions:

Sheryn Jacques	021936067
Lynley McInnarney	0272780010
Delena West	021332449
Diane Pratt	0211596032
Malcolm Galloway	021762633
Sarah Smith	0273615015
Nicole Jury	0211712404

Thank you everyone for all your hard work so far. We know the fair is a huge effort by all. As we head into this busy month, look after yourselves, look after each other and take a moment to enjoy each other's company and have a laugh or two along the way.



Lectionary

5 Oct	Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
12	Jeremiah 29:29:1,4-7	Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
19	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
26	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8	Luke 18:9-14
2 Nov.	Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11,12	Luke 19:1-10



Name tags A reminder to please wear your name tags in church, especially as visitors and new members don't know who you are. If you have lost yours or can't find it on the board, please let Hazel O'Brien know.

St. Margaret's likes to keep an up-to-date record of details of people on our contacts roll. If you have changed your address in recent months, changed your phone number or gone to cellphone only, please let Hazel O'Brien know. Also, if you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, also let Hazel know.

October 2025

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

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

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