



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER

February 2026



ON THE ROAD

Please slow down
and walk with me.
Be my companion
for a mile or two
and tell me your story,
for I have much to learn
and every pilgrim's story
enhances my own.
Speak to me of yearnings
beyond people and things
and show me the leaning
of your heart like a compass
towards the north.
It does not matter
that we borrow
from different books
or use different words
to describe the journey.
We are on the same path
whatever shoes we wear.

Joy Cowley
'Psalms for the Road'
Publisher: Pleroma Christian Supplies NZ

Greetings

The new year always serves as a great opportunity for any church to reflect on the past year and set out plans for the new. The elders will be meeting next month to talk, dream and plan for 2026. Please can you pray for them as they prepare for this important meeting.

Any leader in any church really only has one dream, and that is for their church to 'grow'. I have put the 'grow' in italic because it is a complex concept, the measure of growth in a church.

Some may measure growth in terms of numbers; are there more people coming to church; is the church 'filling up'.

Others may measure growth in terms on money. How much money are we getting in as a church, thinking that it is a measure of the members commitment to the church.

Then there are the things that are really hard to measure, the people's spiritual growth in the church. Are members growing in their knowledge of God, growing in their connection to and relationship with God.

Then there are others that measure growth by how effectively the church is serving people in the community. Is the church feeding the hungry, helping the sick, supporting the poor, coming alongside the hurt and marginalised.

The growth of any church is really about all of the above, but most importantly the last two. In fact, that is really where I believe that my focus lies. The elders will be asking the same question next month, but it is not just a question for the elders, it is a question every Christian and member of St Margaret's should be asking about their own faith walk. How am I going to measure my growth this year? As much as I hope that you decide to gather for worship on as many Sundays as possible and that you give thought to how much you give to the church, I more importantly would like you to reflect on how you are going to grow your faith this year and how you will serve others in the community. If you are struggling to think how you can do this, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can get together to chat about it.

God bless you all in 2026, may it be a year of significant growth and joy for you and your families.

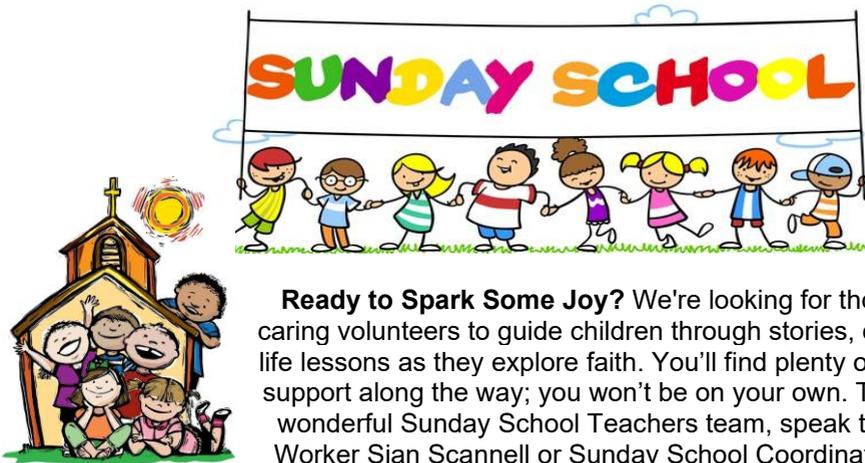
Regards

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Lectionary

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|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Feb | Michah 6:1-8 | Psalm 15 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| 8 Feb | Isaiah 58:1-9a | Psalm 112:1-9 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 | Matthew 5:13-20 |
| 15 Feb | Exodus 24:12-18 | Psalm 2 | 2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 17:1-9 |
| 22 Feb | Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 | Psalm 32 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| 1 Mar | Genesis 12:1-4a | Psalm 121 | Romans 4:1-5,13-17 | John 3:1-17 |



Ready to Spark Some Joy? We're looking for thoughtful, caring volunteers to guide children through stories, crafts, and life lessons as they explore faith. You'll find plenty of help and support along the way; you won't be on your own. To join our wonderful Sunday School Teachers team, speak to Family Worker Sian Scannell or Sunday School Coordinator Sandi Rothwell.

From the Board of Managers

Over the Christmas and new year period things have been predictably slow. The painting of the church continues and, as at the time of writing this article, the damaged lounge and outside veranda ceilings repair is under way. As I am writing this article we are also in the final stages of employing a new cleaner for the church.

Other than the above points, we are still getting the new year under way. This is probably the best place to ask the following, and that is that if anyone is able to help out on a roster with one of the regular tasks at the church, please will you consider serving in some way. Only if you are able. We have rosters for mowing the lawns, preparing and serving tea/coffee on Sunday mornings after the service and cleaning the church. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

ROSTERS

| Date | Morning Tea | Lawns | Church Cleaning | Audio Visual |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 Feb | Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson | - | Rosenda Upton | Alfred Enslin |
| .8 Feb | Margaret Opray Margaret Patrick | Warren & Toby Potter | Jan Hill | Jenny Fisher |
| 15 Feb | Derilene Aston Sandi Rothwell | - | Ainsley Andrews | Hazel O'Brien |
| .22 Feb | Jan Hill Sian Scannell | Stephen Fletcher | Carol McConnell | Chris Rosanowski |
| 1 Mar | Jo Rothbaum Sarah Smith | - | Helen Bassett | David Lottering |



We're on the lookout for some friendly faces to join our Tuesday morning Play Group! If you like chatting with mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, and little ones, you'll fit right in. Come help us bring the fun—kids and grown-ups get to play with all sorts of toys, games, activities, and bikes together. Want to join or just curious? Chat with Mara, Adena, or Sian to find out more. Play Group resumes 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 10 February.





- **Evening Fellowship** meets on Wednesday 11 February, 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. The speaker will be Jo Rothbaum, a Health Improvement Practitioner. “A what?” you say, well come and find out. All men & women are very welcome.
- **World Day of Prayer – Friday 6 March**, at Upper Hutt Uniting Parish, corner Benzie Ave, and Fergusson Drive. The service will probably be in the afternoon but watch the Sunday notices for more information. All are welcome, so mark this in your diaries/phone.
- **Tea and chat** – 4 February 2.00 pm at 2 Fendalton Crescent. 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. All are very welcome.

Financial Summary

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

| Account | Dec 2025 |
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| Trading Income | |
| 2001 - Offering Automatic Payments | 8,385.00 |
| 2002 - Offering Envelopes | 2,219.50 |
| 2010 - Loose Offerings | 1,260.60 |
| 2101 - Fundraising - Fair | 80.00 |
| 2160 - Special Donations | 100.00 |
| 2420 - Rent Received - Church, Hall etc | 808.69 |
| 2700 - Sunday School/Messy Church Donations | 70.00 |
| Total Income | 12,923.79 |
| Expenses | |
| Total Expenses | 31,023.55 |
| Net Profit / (Loss) | (18,099.76) |

February 2026

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835
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 Website: <https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>
 Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Family Worker: Sian Scannell 0273631315
 Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 0272210609

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

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