



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

The Road Not Taken

Robert Frost 1874 –1963

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

From: Poems.org

Greetings

The Easter program at St Margaret's is always a fairly busy time. There is the hype of lent leading up to Easter, Palm Sunday service and then all the Holy Week services. I know that I let out a big 'phew' when the Easter weekend is over. Not in a negative way, but in a way that expresses that the business of the long weekend is over.

My hope is that we don't all relax and switch off after Easter. This post-Easter time is also an exciting and very meaningful period where we can actively think about "So what does it mean to live believing in a God, Jesus, who is alive?"

For me it is about HOPE. There is something very special about knowing that no matter where I am, no matter what I am doing or what I am experiencing, Jesus is with me. Not just with me but actively involved, concerned, encouraging, comforting and cheering me on. Hope is a living thing that can influence every part of our lives as it is the thing that inspires, is the source of courage, is the foundation of perseverance and is the thing that helps us stay focussed on God, no matter what the circumstance.

Once again, I encourage all to be active in the things that build on this awareness of the living God. Please attend church and fellowship regularly, read your bible as often as you can, reflect and meditate on what you read every time you open the scriptures and pray, pray, pray.

In closing, a word about our weekly Bible Study. I have been so encouraged by the number of people attending and the engagement in the study of the book of Revelation. I know it is not for everyone, and that is absolutely fine. I am having a lot of fun preparing the studies and those attending seem to be getting a lot out of it. Please consider joining us, it is not too late.

Bless you all

RODNEY





Pastoral

It is with sadness that we let you know that Carole Alexander died in the UK on 24 April of cancer of the spine. Many will remember Lionel & Carole visited us each year for a few months, while staying with family. Our thoughts are with Lionel and his family at this sad time.

Lectionary

3 May	Acts 7:42-47	Psalm 31:1-5,15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
10 May	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-30	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
17 May	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
24 May	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34,35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
31 May	Genesis 1:1-2, 4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
7 June	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 33:1-12	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
3 May	Lynn Russell Jacqueline Kitchen	Malcolm Galloway	Jan Hill	Jenny Fisher
10 May	Malcolm & Heather- Lee Foster	-	Shirley Harrison	David Lottering
17 May	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Andreas Labuschagne	Karen Coleman	Alred Enslin
24 May	Margaret Opray Shirley Harrison	-	Rosenda Upton	Hazel O'Brien
31 May	Sandi Rothwell Derilene Aston	Rhys West	Helen Bassett	David Lottering
7 June	Jan Hill Margaret Patrick	-	Carol McConnell	Alfred Enslin

It's time to spread the word !

- We have started advertising on social media and our signs have been re-dated and will be out and about soon.
- Please encourage your helpers to join you in the set up on Friday 22 May. The church and hall will be open all day/evening until about 8pm.
- Please encourage your helpers to stay for pack-up after 1pm Saturday – we all want to get home and put our feet up so the more the merrier helpers !
- If you need us to announce anything in church or in the newsletter, please let us know.
- We have a stash of glass bottles for those wanting to pickle, preserve, make sauces/jams etc
- Just a reminder, we are not taking large-sized furniture donations for this fair but we are taking some winter-related items such as heaters (no electric blankets) and crock-pots etc.
- We still have wool on offer and now have buttons too – it's not too late to get creative. Lynley has also offered to do any sewing on of buttons if that isn't your thing.
- We are still collecting the larger size Woolworths and New World paper bags – they can be dropped off in a box on the ramp up to the hall
- We are still collecting winter-indulgence' raffle items
- Please get in touch if you have any questions or need us to include anything in the Sunday notices.
- We are now less than a month away and counting 😊

Sheryn and Lynley



The need is quite urgent for some friendly faces to join our Tuesday morning Play Group. Come and help us bring the fun – kids and adults get to play with all sorts of toys, games, activities, and bikes, together. Chat with Mara, or Sian to find out more.



YOUTH GROUP

FAMILY WORKER

April has been a quiet month for all things children and young people as it has contained Easter and their school holiday break. All activities have now resumed.

During the school holiday break when there is no Sunday School, we continue to offer a range of engaging activities for children at the back of the church. Children are welcome to either remain at the back or pick up a clipboard and a bag that contains colouring pencils and soft fidget toys. This allows them the flexibility to participate in the activities at their seat alongside their families, ensuring everyone can be comfortable and included during the service.

Help Needed

We are still looking for people to help with Sunday School and Play Group during term time. Please come and have a chat with me if you are interested or have questions about either of these.

Messy Church

We have another Messy Church coming up on 26 June! Please save the date.

Sian Scannell
Family Worker

Messy Church

**Keep Friday 26 June free -
more details later**



- **Tea and chat** – 4 March 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.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Wednesday 13 May 7.30 p.m. in the lounge. Our speaker will be Jeanette Graham on her work in the prison. All welcome.



Working bee

The working bee Saturday 2 May. If you are able, please give as much time as you can spare. Start time approx. 10.00 a.m.

Financial Summary

St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream
For the month ended 31 March 2026

Account	Mar 2026
Trading Income	
Loose Offerings	508.80
Offering Automatic Payments	8,270.00
Offering Envelopes	2,815.10
Rent Received - Church, Hall etc	191.31
Special Donations	591.10
Total Income	12,376.31
Operating Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	14,513.29
Net Profit/(Loss)	(2,136.98)

May 2026

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835
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 Website: <https://stmargaretsilverstream.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
3 Communion	4 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	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	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 Evng. Fellowship	14 Pilates 6.00-8.00 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	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 Bd. Managers	21 Pilates 6.00-8.00	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 Youth Group 7.30-9.00	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