



# ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

## NEWSLETTER

June 2026



**MAY GOD KINDLE IN US  
THE FIRE OF LOVE  
TO BRING US ALIVE  
AND GIVE WARMTH TO THE WORLD.**

**LEAD ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE,  
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH;  
LEAD ME FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,  
FROM FEAR TO TRUST;  
LEAD ME FROM HATE TO LOVE,  
FROM WAR TO PEACE.  
LET PEACE FILL OUR HEART,  
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.**

From: NZ Prayer book

## Greetings

This week I was reminded about the reason we do the Winter Warmers fair. Sian and I were in the office when a lady came walking up the drive and asked for information about the church. She was on holiday from the UK staying with her daughter in Silverstream, here to visit her newly born first grandchild. She had come to our fair on Saturday and wanted to know more about us. We gave her an updated copy of our church brochure.



I was once again reminded about the passage in scripture that tells us, the church, that we are “the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14). This is where God has set us and we are expected to be the light in this place. We **are** the light in Silverstream, together with the other churches, placed here by God to shine the light of love that is within us. As I walked around watching people on Saturday, I got a very real sense of the light. The smile on people’s faces as they talked with me, the excitement on the faces of kids as they left with a new previously loved toy and way people seemed to at ease in our space. I do not believe it was because of the ‘things’ we were selling, it was because of the openness and welcome they felt as they experienced St Margaret’s.

I am fully aware of the hard work that it took for this result. Thank you to Lynley and Sheryn as they led the charge. Thank you to everyone who put in hours knitting, sewing, crafting, baking, cooking, sorting, carrying, setting up and cleaning up. I cannot express my wonder and gratitude for your hard work and commitment. Thank you and God bless you all.

RODNEY

## Pastoral

- It is with great sadness that we record the sudden death of Trevor English on 4 May. Trevor was a regular member of St. Margaret's, and his sense of humour and bright smile will be always remembered. Our thoughts are with Karen and the family.



- Congratulations to Tasi Betteridge who was recently given an award for Exceptional Service to sport – netball. Well done Tasi, you really deserve this award.

## Session Notes

Session last met on 6 May. While there were several routine matters discussed, four items are worth noting. Delight and appreciation were expressed at the response and results of the Working Bee held on 2 May. Thank you to those who coordinated, and particularly to all who participated. You can be justifiably pleased with the great look the property has as a result. Thanks again.

Ongoing funding to support our Family Worker role was another item of discussion. An application for a grant from Presbytery Central is being prepared but if that is unsuccessful then we will be faced with maintaining the role from entirely our own resources.

Some may be aware of an organization called Te Hahi. This is a support group who offer help to people who come to Police attention because of family violence. St Margaret's is one of several local churches who, once every four or so weeks offer support to those referred to us. Frequently the support involves simply offering assistance via a text message or a phone call. Occasionally there may be a meeting when the person involved wants to talk in more depth about the situation. There are eight of us in the St Margaret's team. Although we sometimes don't get a response from those who are referred to us, we do know that the Upper Hutt Police officers enjoy the baking we provide their office the week we are "on duty."

Session sees our involvement in Te Hahi as one way of connecting to our community.

In a month with five Sundays Session has a responsibility to conduct the worship service on that fifth Sunday. Depending on when you read this, the last fifth Sunday is/was on 31 May. However, in the future you will see greater involvement in Sunday worship by Session members in addition to the fifth Sunday. We welcome your feedback.

*Chris Rosanowski*



**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH**  
**FRIDAY 3 JULY**  
**5.30 – 7.00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

All children accompanied by an adult welcome. Activities for up to 12 years old. Bring your friend and have fun with crafts, games, and food. A light meal will be provided.

## Winter Warmers and Craft

It seems hard to believe that the Winter Warmers and Craft Fair is already behind us. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who contributed towards making this event the success it was. It never fails to amaze us what comes in for this event and this year was no exception. We are lucky to be part of the community that we are in and it is really obvious at these times when St Margaret's joins with our local community.

Our total as of Sunday the 24th is **\$5315.60**. This is slightly up on last year, which is incredible.

Thank you all again for everything  
Lynley and Sheryn



## Craft and Knitting

Following on from all the hard on-going work of our crafters we are building up a lovely range of knitting and crocheting along with other crafts which are for sale on behalf of the church. These are all being stored at my place and can be purchased at any time with all the money going to the church fundraising. If you're looking for that special baby or toddler gift, a blanket, pot scrubbers, dish cloths etc. the list is endless just send me a message.

Lynley 027 2780010 or [mcinnarneys@gmail.com](mailto:mcinnarneys@gmail.com)





We are hoping to develop our zoom team by training up some more people to help out zooming the Sunday Services. It's very easy to do and all the instructions are provided. If you have ever joined a zoom meeting you will be able to run one. Lynley is very happy to show people what to do or have people trail her for a week

or two to see what it involves.

For more info, please talk to either Lynley, Jo or Kirstin who all know how to operate our zoom

### Lectionary

**7 June Pentecost 2** 42A G Gen 12: 1-9 Ps 33: 1-12 Rom 4: 13-25  
Mt 9: 9-13, 18-26

**14 June Pentecost 3** 43A G Gen 18: 1- 15 (21: 1-7) Ps 116: 1-2, 12-19  
Rom 5: 1-8 Mt 9: 35- 10: 8 (9-23)

**21 June Pentecost 4** 44A G Gen 21: 8-21 Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17  
Rom 6: 1b-11 Mt 10: 24-39

**28 June Pentecost 5** 45A G Gen 22: 1-14 Ps 13 Rom 6: 12-23  
Mt 10: 40-42

**5 July Pentecost 6** 46A G Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Ps 45: 10-17 or Song Sol 2: 8-13 Rom 7: 15-25a  
Mt 11: 16-19, 25-30



- **Tea and chat** –On the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 p.m. a group comes together at the home of Jacqueline and Lynn, 2 Fendalton Crescent to share a simple afternoon tea and enjoy a chance to chat. All are very welcome.
- **Evening fellowship - all welcome.**  
Next meeting is Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm in the lounge  
Our speaker will be Rev Silvia Purdie on the Women's church sewing training for home business in Lahore Pakistan

## **From the Board of Managers**

If I may say, the church is looking amazing. The final small touch was the work in the gardens earlier this month. I know it has been expressed a couple of times, but a big 'thank you' to all those who helped on our working bee. Our church complex is looking like it is because of the hard work of the Board of Managers. They are a committed and hard-working group of people who ensure the smooth running of our complex.

There has not been much to report over the last few months as our 'to do' list has been addressed. We have a few projects on the table that are being investigated and planning will begin as finance is available. Here are a few of them, for your information. The first is the problem we have with drainage on the site. Water from the roof down pipes runs into two soak pits which are getting old and may not be as effective as they once were. Surface run off gathers behind the hall at the lowest point on our property, unfortunately that is where the entrance is to the underneath of the hall and kitchen. Experts that we have spoken to say that that is the reason our foundations were sinking under the kitchen, which we had to address when we renovated the kitchen. We are in the process of investigating solutions and getting approximate quotes.

There is still some work to do in the gardens, the bed below the pantry and replanting along the front of the church.

We are needing to look at repairs that are needed to the stain glass windows and addressing the deteriorating walkway at the back of the hall and the rear exit deck of the lounge.

The financial management of the church has seen a change which will be ratified at the next AGM. Sarah Smith is stepping down from the role of treasurer but will continue as the church 'bookkeeper'. Alfred Enslin, a member of the Board of Manager, will take over as the official treasurer. Sarah and Alfred will be joined by Rhys West to form a financial subcommittee of the Board of Managers.

If there is anyone who feels that they have skills that can contribute to the work of the Board of Managers, please contact Rodney at [minister@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz](mailto:minister@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz)

## Financial Summary

St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Silverstream  
For the month ended 30 April 2026

Account	Apr 2026
<b>Trading Income</b>	
Loose Offerings	505.20
Offering Automatic Payments	6,620.00
Offering Envelopes	1,500.00
Rent Received - Church, Hall etc	591.31
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,216.51</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,216.51</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>19,188.28</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(9,971.77)</b>

## ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
7 June	Jan Hill Margaret Patrick	-	Carol McConnell	Jenny Fisher
.14 June	Jo Rothbaum Sarah Smith	Mike McInnarney	Lynley McInnarney	David Lottering
21 June	Margaret Opray Sian Scannell	-	Ainsley Andrews	Alfred Enslin
.28 June	Lynn Russell Jacqueline Kitchen	Chris Upton	Jan Hill	Hazel O'Brien
5 July	Coleman family	-	Shirley Harrison	Alfred Enslin

From the working bee held early in May .....



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