



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for those who
stretch out their hands to heal:

For scientists who, by research and experiment
stretch out their hands to heal:

For doctors and nurses, social workers,
physiotherapists, administrators, and clergy who
stretch out their hands to heal:

And we pray especially for those who
stretch out their hands to heal:

where hospitals are few and resources are scarce.
We thank you that through our gifts of prayer
and money we too are able to
stretch out our hands and heal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From Mission Prayer Book
Prayers and Concerns

Greetings

We are entering 'Fair Month' when activity at the church starts to ramp up and there is a buzz of anticipation. I have seen a few fairs now and now feel more confident to comment on why our fair is such a success.

The Māori say it best "he tangata, he tangata, he tangata", "it is people, it is people, it is people". The success of our fair is found in the purpose; it is for the people in our community. People who can come and purchase clothing, household goods and some treats for a fraction of the retail price. When the community is the focus of our efforts we cannot go wrong.



The second group of people involved in the success of the fair is the fair committee. Wow, what an amazing group of people who are prepared to put in the mahi (work). We are in awe of you, thank you!

The next group of people are those that are working hard at home making, baking, knitting etc., to add something personal and special to the items on sale, thank you.

Lastly, there are the people who spend a massive number of hours at the church in the week leading up to the fair and on fair day. To those setting up and selling, a massive 'thank you!'

If you have not been involved in the fair, then please consider being a part of the crew, offering some time to do what you are able. If you are not sure where to start or what you can offer, chat to Sheryn or Lynley, they can point you in the right direction.

So, to everyone, in anticipation of your hard work, I say, 'Thank You!'

RODNEY

Personal

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean, Sandi, Alan and their families as they grieve over the loss of Ian Rothwell who died earlier in September.
- We think of Shirley Main who had a bad fall at home and has broken her femur from the hip to the knee. Our prayers are with Shirley, and Lynley and family as they care for Shirley while she recovers.
- We think also of Lin & Dave Coleman. Lin's mother (96) had a fall in the UK and dislocated her hip. Fortunately, the hospital was able to put things back together again and she is doing well, but It is hard for Lin living so far away.

Lectionary

October 4

Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Ps 19 Phil 3: 4b-14 Mt 21: 33-4

October 11

Ex 32: 1-14 Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23 Phil 4: 1-9 Mt 22: 1-14

October 18

Ex 33: 12-23 Ps 99 1 Thes 1: 1-10 Mt 22: 15-22

October 25

Deut 34: 1-12 Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17 1 Thes 2: 1-8 Mt 22: 34-46

November 1

Rev 7: 9-17 Ps 34: 1-10, 22 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12

Family Worker

By the time you are reading this, term three has finished and we are well into the school holidays. I hope children and parents alike are managing to have a restful break before the last busy stretch of the year; that is term four.

Sunday School began September with a Father's Day activity and then we followed the Seasons of Creation theme of living water along with the congregation.

Youth Group finished the term with a fun movie night, '*The Yes Day*', accompanied by lots of movie type nibbles and drinks.

I am still looking for some help with Playgroup. With me not being 100% for a lot of September, it certainly highlighted the need for a few more on-call

people. Numbers continue to fluctuate, but they are fluctuating more regularly on the upside.

There are lots of activities coming up for children and families to look forward to before the end of the year. All the fun of the fair of course; then the Christmas Pageant to prepare for, and Messy Church on Friday 4 December.

As always, please continue to pray for our Children and Families Ministry.
Sian Scannell
Family Worker



Session Notes

In the June newsletter I indicated that Session would have a greater participation in Sunday morning worship services. For those who've attended during September that has been evident with Session members involved in the opening part of the service. This is a decision that Session has made itself rather than in response to any other factor. Session is keen to have greater involvement in worship. As also indicated in the June newsletter your feedback is welcomed.

Also welcome was news from Presbytery Central that they had approved a grant to support the ongoing work of our family worker. The money has been received, and we are delighted that Sian's employment will continue until the end of the financial year. And speaking of Sian we are very pleased to see her returning to full health after her bout of flu.

Planning is underway for the Fair and Session is very grateful for the enthusiasm that the committee continues to show as we prepare for this significant fundraising effort for the year.

Other than these items the rest of the matters considered by Session at its meeting at the beginning of September were of a routine nature.

Chris Rosanowski

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
4 Oct	Margaret Opray Derilene Aston	Malcolm Foster Ray Betteridge	Karen Coleman	Jenny Fisher
11 Oct	Jan Hill Margaret Patrick	-	Rosenda Upton	Chris Rosanowski
18 Oct.	Lynn Russell Jo Rothbaum	Malcolm Galloway	Helen Bassett	Alfred Enslin
25 Oct.	Heather-Lee & Malcolm Foster	-	Karen Coleman	Hazel O'Brien
1 Nov.	Shirley Harrison Jacqueline Kitchen	Andries Labuschagne	Shirley Harrison	Andries Labuschagne

Please consider helping out on one of the rosters. As you can see in the cleaning roster, the same person is doing it twice because there are not enough helpers on the roster. Please contact Shirley Harrison for either the Church cleaning, or the morning tea rosters, Hazel O'Brien for Lawns and Audio visual.

A Japanese Version of the 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my pace-setter, I will not rush
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my
serenity
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of
mind
and his guidance is peace
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
each day
I will not fret
for His presence is here
His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in
balance
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my
activity
by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility
My cup of joyous energy overflows
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my
hours
for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord
and dwell in His house forever

The words of this version of the 23rd Psalm are very appropriate as we build up the momentum for the fair.



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR - SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026

We are now in countdown mode for Fair '26 - Read on to learn about all things fair related !

Thank you to all those who have been busy planting, crafting, decluttering, delivering and contributing in so many ways.
We appreciate you all so much !

Committee - The Fair '26 committee is made up of Sheryn, Lynley, Delena, Diane, Sarah, Nicole, Malcolm G and Chris R.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to offer help and don't yet have a job.

Plants, Seedlings and Garden Ornaments - We would be grateful for your offerings of both indoor and outdoor plants. If you have nice garden ornaments and pots, we would be grateful for those too.

Baking, Sweets, Café, Crafts - If you can bake or create, we would be super grateful for your offerings – after all, it wouldn't be a St Margaret's fair without these amazing creations !!

Donations - Please continue putting donated raffle, lucky dip and baking ingredients in the marked boxes in the entrance to the lounge and hall area (by the ramp).

Again, thank you so much for your contributions ! Every bit helps.

Decluttering - Please continue putting things aside for the second-hand clothing, books, toys, jewellery, kitchenware, china, Manchester and steptoe. See further down for drop off times.

Stallholders - Thank you once again to our amazing stallholders – without you, we wouldn't have a fair !

Volunteers on the day - As always, our day relies on your ability to contribute your time – Many hands make light work. We have numerous opportunities to help from 7am – 4pm.

Ideally, we are looking for 1 – 2 helpers per stall. If you can help on a stall, please see Sheryn.

Letterbox drop - Flyers for the letterbox drop will be available at the church from Sunday 4 October and we would appreciate it if you could help deliver these. Ideally, they should be delivered within the next two weeks.

Car Flyers and Posters - These are now available at church for our cars, workplaces, sharing at kindergartens, schools etc. Please take these with you and distribute them around the community. If we run out, we will print more. The more advertising we can do, the better.

Goods Collection - Malcolm G is organising a team of people who will be picking up items for selling at the fair – usually larger items. If you are able to help Malcolm and preferably have access to a trailer or at least a large vehicle, please let him know – **Malcolm 021 762 633**.

This year, we are restricting pick-ups to labour weekend only.

Church Open for Drop Offs

- **Wednesday 21 October 10am-12 noon**
- **Tuesday 27 October 10am -3pm, 7pm -8pm**
- **Wednesday 28 October 10am -3pm**
- **Thursday 29 October 10am-3pm, 7pm -8 pm**

[for collection of goods over Labour weekend, please contact Malcolm 021 762 633]

THE WEEK BEFORE (Labour Weekend)

Sunday 25 October – After church we will be moving the 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 the fair 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 are unsure what you can do, the hall area always needs help with secondhand clothing/Manchester sort.

FAIR DAY !!!!

7.30am – 9.30am – Final Set Up

9.30am – 9.45am – Fair and Health & Safety briefing

10am – 1 pm THE FAIR !!

1pm – 4pm – Pack up/Clean up/Goods disposal/return of borrowed items

We've got this !!!

Fair team '26



- **Tea and chat** – 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** next meeting is Wednesday 14 October 7.30pm in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Carol Brieseman on her experience in Antarctica. All welcome.

A reminder please bring a grocery item for the fair raffle.

Profit and Loss

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

Account	Aug 2026
Trading Income	
Fundraising - Fair	30.00
Interest Received	16.50
Loose Offerings	598.30
Offering Automatic Payments	7,065.00
Offering Envelopes	1,565.00
Rent Received - Church, Hall etc	400.00
Special Donations	1,600.00
Special Offerings	30.00
Total Trading Income	11,304.80
Gross Profit	11,304.80
Operating Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	23,328.39
Net Profit	(12,023.59)

From the Board of Managers

There is not much to report from Board of Managers as the bigish projects that we were working on have been completed. The drainage has been addressed, to move water off site that comes off the roof during rain. The leaks in the church roof have been repaired, and we have had a company in the spray for ants on the property. There are a few small projects in the investigation stage which we will share once decisions have made.

If you have any questions, email me along with any suggestions that can make our church more accessible and welcoming.

Rodney Ramsay - Chairman

Bible Characters

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PAUL
 BARTHOLOMEW
 NAHUM
 ELISHA
 DANIEL
 MARK
 HOSEA
 NEBUCHADNEZZAR
 MARY
 NAOMI

HEZEKIAH
 PETER
 OBADIAH
 ELIJAH
 DAVID
 MATTHEW
 JUDAH
 DEBORAH
 ABEL
 RUTH

JOSIAH
 JAMES
 JEREMIAH
 GIDEON
 JOB
 LUKE
 JOSEPH
 SAMSON
 JEHOVAH
 BARNABAS

EVE
 JUDE
 ISAIAH
 AARON
 HABAKKUK
 JOHN
 ELIZABETH
 SAMUEL
 JESUS
 TIMOTHY

ADAM
 JOEL
 EZEKIEL
 MOSES
 MALACHI
 AMOS
 SOLOMON
 HANNAH
 JONAH
 PAUL

October 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pilates 6.00-7.00	2	3
4 Communion	5 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	6 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	7 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Dance 3.30-8.30	8 Pilates 6.00-7.00 Youth Group 7.10-9.00	9	10
11 Family Service	12 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	13 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	14 Dance 3.30-8.30 Evng. Fellowship	15 Pilates 6.00-7.00	16	17
18 Morn.Worship Newsletter deadline	19 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	20 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	21 Dance 3.30-8.30 Bd. Managers	22 Pilates 6.00-7.00 Youth Group 7.10-9.00	23	24
25 Morn.Worship	26 Preparation for fair all week	27	28	29	30	31 CHURCH FAIR

Services available on Zoom each Sunday <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89367824002>

If you wish to have a particular service recorded, please contact Lynley McInnarney 0272780010. Services are no longer recorded each week