

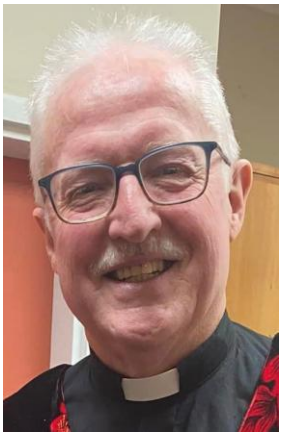
ST MARGARET'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER
November 2026

Advent

Jesus, you remind us
that Advent fills all time
and the journey is everywhere.
Like the Magi we travel
from the head to the heart;
from the city of learning
to the fields wide open to the sun'
from the meaning of words
to the knowledge beyond them;
from the music notes on paper
to the sound of the concerto;
from the smallness of the manger
to the Love that holds the universe in being.

By Joy Cowley
'Veil over the light'
Publisher Pleroma NZ



Greetings
By the time you read this, the annual fair is about to happen or just happened. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the hours of hard work. A special thank to the fair committee who always do such an amazing job organising the fair.

If the fair has come and gone, then we know that the end of the year is approaching with a speed and with that come the wonderful celebration of Christmas. Please note the following special dates and times for our Christmas celebrations.

Advent, week 1, starts on 29 November.
Advent 2 is our monthly Communion service on 6 December at 10.00am.
Advent 3 will be our Annual Christmas Pageant on 13 December at 10.00am.
Advent 4 will be our Annual Carol Service on 20 December at 10.00am.
Christmas Eve Picnic will be on 24 December at 6.00pm
Christmas Eve Carols on the Lawn will be on 24 December at 7.30pm
Christmas Eve Service will be on 24 December at 9.15pm
Christmas Day Service will be on 25 December at 10.00am

Normal church services will continue as usual from Sunday 27 December onwards.

This promises to be a very special time especially if we open our hearts and reflect deeply on what Jesus' birth means to us, but more of that in my December newsletter article.

Until then God Bless you all.



Pastoral:

- Shirley Main continues to make steady progress and is now out of hospital. It will be a long road back to full strength.
- We wish Mike Geang well as he goes for his long-awaited hip replacement on Friday 30 October.
- Wonderful to see Diane Pratt walking so much better after yet another hip surgery. One more to go Diane and then your multiple hip surgeries will hopefully be at an end,

Lectionary

November 1 Rev 7: 9-17 Ps 34: 1-10, 22 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12
November 1 Josh 3: 7-17 Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37 1 Thes 2: 9-13 Mt 23: 1-12
November 8 Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78: 1-7 1 Thes 4: 13-18 Mt 25: 1-13
November 15 Judges 4: 1-7 Ps 123 1 Thes 5: 1-11 Mt 25: 14-30
November 22 Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ps 100 Eph 1: 15-23 Mt 25: 31-46
November 29 Isaiah 64:1–9 Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 Mark 13:24–37
December 6 Isaiah 40:1–11 Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13 2 Peter 3:8–15a Mark 1:1–8



Family Worker Report

It's lovely to have the children and young people back for term four! Youth Group got off to a fun start with an evening of games, giving everyone a chance to join in and enjoy being together again. We had a tense game of Pop-up Pirate and finished the night with a few competitive rounds of Spot On, a lively way to round off our first evening back. Have a look at the photos for a glimpse of the fun!

November brings the planning and practice for our Nativity Play in December, and I'm looking forward to getting preparations underway. I'd love to have as many children and young people involved as possible and to share this special occasion together. If your child would like to take part, please let me know. It would be lovely to hear from you as we begin planning and practicing.

We'll also be preparing during November for Messy Church in early December, so we'll be asking for helpers as the time gets closer. If you'd like to lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for considering being part of it, your help will be warmly appreciated as we get ready for Messy Church.

As always, please continue to pray for our Children's and Youth Ministries.

We look forward to sharing the coming weeks with everyone, bringing generations together to enjoy one another's company and take part in what's ahead. All are warmly welcome. There's a place for everyone, whether you'd like to lend a hand or simply come along and join in. Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like to find out more, it would be lovely to hear from you!

Thank you
Sian Scannell
Family Worker





ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
1 Nov	Shirley Harrison Jacqueline Kitchen	Andries Labuschagne	Shirley Harrison	Andries Labuschagne
8 Nov	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	-	Sian Scannell	Jenny Fisher
15 Nov	Margaret Opray Derilene Aston	Rhys West	Carol McConnell	Alfred Enslin
22 Nov	Coleman family	-	Adrienne Baron	Hazel O'Brien
29 Nov.	Lynn Russell Adrienne Baron	Mike McInnarney	Ainsley Andrews	Chris Rosanowski
6 Dec	Malcolm Foster Heather-Lee Foster	-	Lynley McInnarney	Jenny Fisher

If you are unable to do the day you are rostered, please swap with someone else on the list



A huge thank you to Carol McConnell for all you have done in the parish over many years.
Morning tea and cleaning the church rosters, fair kitchen, secretary of Board of Managers, hall hire manager ….. the list goes on (sorry for the many others we've missed Carol).
Carol & Sandy are moving to Otago and we will miss them a lot.



The Board of Managers is looking for a new secretary that is good at admin and can deal with hall hire. Please contact Rodney.

Profit and Loss

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

Account	Sept 2026
Trading Income	
Fundraising - Fair	80.00
Interest Received	2,144.37
Legacies & Bequests	4,357.50
Loose Offerings	595.00
Offering Automatic Payments	6,545.00
Offering Envelopes	2,010.00
Presbyterian Foundation Grants Received	28,640.00
Rent Received - Church, Hall etc	417.40
Total Trading Income	**44,789.27**
Gross Profit	**44,789.27**
Operating Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	**27,807.54**
Net Profit	**16,981.73**

Board of Managers Report

There is very little to report this month from Board of Managers. The first things are that we are looking for someone who would like to join the Board to fill the dual role of secretary and facility hire manager. This will entail drawing up the agenda for Managers meetings, taking minutes and distributing the minutes. The facility hire manager keeps the calendar of who uses what rooms in the church complex and handles the hire of any of the areas to outside users. If you are interested in taking on this role, please talk to Rodney.

On the buildings, we had a great garden working bee, with about 12 people rolling up their sleeves for a morning. Great work was done.

We are planning to have the pew cushions steam cleaned after the fair and have begun gathering quotes to replace the carpet in the lounge, thanks to a kind donation from a member of the parish.

Rodney



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 - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 November at 7.30pm in the lounge. Our speakers will be Richard and Shirley Harrison on their recent holiday in Turkey, followed by supper. All are welcome.

Our **DECEMBER** meeting will be on Wednesday 16 December for Christmas lunch at Ambrose Cafe at Te Marua Golf Course at 12 noon. $50 per person. Pay on the day but names need to be taken for catering numbers please. This lunch is for all who would like to attend. ***Please*** note this is not our usual meeting date.

Newsletter deadline – Please note that the next newsletter will be a double monthly – December and January. Contributions to this newsletter should be in by Sunday 22 November please.

Session Notes

At it's meeting in early October, and in addition to it's usual business, Session began a discussion on ways in which we can bring the Gospel to young adults, i.e. people between 18 and 30 years of age. It will be an ongoing discussion. Session welcomes ideas from you on this matter.

We also discussed the church season of Advent which begins on 29 November, and decided to following dates:

Messy Church	4 December
Pageant	13 December
Carol Service	20 December
Carols on the Lawn and Christmas Eve service	24 December.

Rodney had been contemplating holding a Community Remembrance Service but was then asked by a local funeral home to be involved with the one they are organising to be held on the 9 December.. Session agreed that our involvement in this service was a good idea.

Rodney also advised that he will be on leave for the period 14 to 23 November. For pastoral matters during this time please contact either your Elder or Chris Rosanowski

Chris Rosanowski
Session Clerk



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR -
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

November 2026

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835 **Family Worker:** Sian Scannell 0273631315
Session Clerk: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530
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Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 Friendship Gr 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 2.00 Dance 3.30-8.30	5 Pilates 6.00-7.00	6	7
8 Family Service	9 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	10 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	11 Dance 3.30-8.30 Evng. Fellowship	12 Pilates 6.00-7.00 Youth Group 7.10-9.00	13	14
15 Morn.Worship	16 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	17 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	18 Dance 3.30-8.30 Bd. Managers	19 Pilates 6.00-7.00	20	21
22 Morn.Worship Deadline for newsletter	23 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9	24 Dance 5.30-8.00 Pilates 6.00 Study group 10 am & 7.30	25 Dance 3.30-8.30	26 Pilates 6.00-7.00 Youth Group 7.10-9.00	27	28
29 Morn.Worship Advent commences	30 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-9.00 Dancing 1-2.30 HV Singers 7-9					

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