



ST MARGARET'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

NEWSLETTER MAY 2024



You call my name

You call me in a place of beauty
speaking through snow on mountains
and bellbirds singing up the morning,
You, my Creator.

You call me at moments of darkness,
telling me not to be afraid,
That this is also a time of giving,
You, my Teacher.

You call me with tenderness
in the eyes of children
and the touch of those dear to me
You, my Lover.

And the purpose of every call,
is to bring me closer to You.

Joy Cowley
Veil over the Light
Pleroma Christian Supplies
Otane. New Zealand.

As I have sat and reflected on the last month or so, I have become very aware that we have been faced with the stark reality of death. We journeyed through the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross, this past week many of us took the time to Remember the ANZACs and, as a parish, we sadly said farewell to a much beloved brother in Connie Lottering.



The reality of our lives includes the sad reality of death. We often do not like to think about it or talk about it, but it is a reality. We, as a faith community, mourn with the families who have lost loved ones recently. Not only the Lottering family, but also the families of Riek Kleinjan, Adrienne Chandler, Shirley Humphreys and Margaret Parker. In reflecting on the life of Christ, the sacrifice of the ANZACs and the love of our departed friends and family, we are challenged with the question of how we choose to live our lives and the impact we have on those around us. This is especially true for our Christian lives. Do we live our lives to the best of our ability in the light of what Christ's life, death and resurrection mean to us.

I am again reminded of the great joy and hope that our faith affords us. The joy of knowing that our loved ones are in the love and care of God, the joy and hope of knowing that the eternal life that they now share will be ours one day, and the joy and hope gained from living lives of love today.

We would do well to remember that incredible piece of writing by Paul in his letter to the Romans, in chapter 8 and verses 31 to 39, where he so eloquently reminds us that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God walk with us and guide us to live our lives to the full, taking every opportunity to love others the way that Christ loves us. In this we discover the life that Christ has for us.

"I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly"

(John 10:10b)

Rodney

Pastoral

- It was with sadness that we said farewell to Connie Lottering who died on 20 April. Connie had been very unwell for a number of years, but he and Eunice managed to get to church when Connie's pain allowed. Our thoughts are with Eunice, David and the rest of their family.



Lectionary

5 May Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
 12 Acts 1:15-17,21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
 19 Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34,35b Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

26 Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
 2 June 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Mark 2:23-3:6



Name tags

When did you last wear your name tag in church? Those of us who have been in St. Margaret's for some time know each other but spare a thought for members of our church family who have recently joined and don't know the names of others. Please wear your name tag each week and if you've mislaid it, contact Hazel O'Brien for a new one.

Website

St. Margaret's website is getting a revamp and will be up and running with a new look before too long. Alfred Enslin would be interested in hearing from you if you have any photos of personal/activities from St. Margaret's past history. If possible please check with those involved that they are happy to have their photo shown on the website.

Contact Alfred 022 0370042 or email alfred.c.enslin@gmail.com



***St Margaret's
Winter Warmers
Fair is coming up
Saturday 18 May
10.00 am until 1.00 pm***

Help is now needed to make this fundraiser a success. We will be selling anything that reflects winter warm clothing, jackets, hats, scarves, beanies, blankets, baby knitting, books, puzzles, board games, baking, sweets, crafts, house plants etc, etc. Of **course**, it wouldn't be a St Margaret's fair event without our **local cafe**, selling warm soup and cheese rolls plus other warming treats along with our very own resident BBQ team. We are not accepting furniture.

What you can do to help us prepare is..... start sorting out, making, and gathering items that we can sell on the day.

We will also be selling raffle tickets so if you would like to donate suitable grocery items or items suitable for a winter-themed raffle we would appreciate them.

Fair Donations/Contributions

- Donations for the fair can be dropped off between 9am and 10.30am on **Saturday 11 May** and **Sunday 12 May** straight after the service until midday.
- If you have access to the church, donations can be left in the room heading out to the garage and we will sort from there.
- If you are unable to deliver to the church, but would like your contribution picked up please contact Lynley 0272780010.

Helpers Yes please!!! We welcome people to help sort the donated goods on Friday from 10am and on the day itself. If you are unable to get there early, we would welcome help to pack up at the end of the day from 1pm onwards.

If you have a stall in mind, are happy to run a stall or help on a stall, we would love to hear from you. Please contact:

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Delena 021 332449 delenawest16@gmail.com or

Lynley 5288213 or 027 2780010 mcinnarneys@gmail.com

UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH

A story was told to me in Oamaru when the Session members were laying out the foundations for the church and realized that their section was wetter than the neighbouring one. An elder indicated that he owned that section – and with the shake of a few hands St Paul's Church was built on Coquet Street. By 1885 a few of the original title holders of church property (across most denominations) were dying and there were rising problems with wills, estates and Trusts. Churches realized that properties needed to be held collectively. The Presbyterian Church Property Act was passed in 1885 (when a number of other denominations also formed Trusts). All Presbyterian property north of the Waitaki River was placed into the hands of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees (PCPT). This meant that there was a perpetual trusteeship – an individual's death did not create legal problems. It also affirmed the charitable status of church property and prevented individuals making money off of church property and it created a

'safety valve' for property decisions which could be affirmed by an impartial body. Congregations continued to have beneficial ownership – that had full rights to use and manage the property as they saw fit provided the terms of trust were met. Decisions on property had to be agreed by the congregation and the presbytery, again affirming that a charity cannot benefit individual members. When a church property was sold the money (capital proceeds) was held by PCPT in trust – the Presbyterian Investment Fund (PIF). The PIF is money held in trust for the wider church and the PCPT manage it with care and prudence. Collectively the Presbyterian Church holds millions of dollars in property and has millions invested – but it is held in trust for the wider church and must be responsibly managed. An apt description of the church is asset rich – cash poor. The challenge we are facing is how to effectively utilize our assets within the trust we hold for the church.

ROSTERS

Date	Morning Tea	Lawns	Church Cleaning	Audio Visual
5 May	Sue Taylor Delwyn Frederikson	Rhys West	Ainsley Andrews	David Lottering
12 May	Jacqueline Kitchen Agnes Levi Daniel Tagaloa	-	Shirley Harrison	Chris Rosanowski
19 May	Heather-Lee Foster Sarah Smith	Malcolm Foster/Ray Betteridge	Jan Hill	Jenny Fisher
26 May	Selma Britz Sonja Ané Britz	-	Carol McConnell	Hazel O'Brien
2 June	Lin Coleman David Coleman	Vern Bennett	Lynley McInnarney	Alfred Enslin



- **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. The address is 2 Fendalton Crescent, Pinehaven.
- **Evening Fellowship** (men and women most welcome).
Next meeting Wednesday 8 May 7.30 pm in the Lounge. We look forward to hearing Mathilda Hartzenberg speak on her life in South Africa, followed by supper.
A REMINDER to bring items promised for the Winter Warmers raffle, or put them in the box marked "raffle" in the hall foyer, please. Many thanks.

The lost chapter in Genesis

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him "What is wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman.

He said, "That person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement, she will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

The rest is history

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the 9 Months ended 31 March 2024

	Mar Mth 2024 <u>Actual</u>	Mar Mth 2024 <u>Budget</u>	9 Mths YTD <u>Actual</u>	9 Mths YTD <u>Budget</u>	9 Mths <u>Gain</u> <u>(Loss)</u>
Income					
Offerings	9,841.30	8,750	81,772	78,753	3,019
Donations excluding Fair - see below	21,030.00	-	22,880	4,667	18,213
Fundraising including Winter Warmers & Donations	0.00	-	23,448	19,000	4,448
L&R Snell Trust	0.00	-	14,922	15,000	(78)
Other Income	5,945.85	2,167	23,717	11,433	12,284
Total Income	36,817.15	10,917	166,739	128,852	37,886
Total Operating Expenses	13,412.24	14,143	126,824	130,077	3,253
Net Profit	23,404.91	(3,226)	39,915	(1,224)	41,139

Donations in March 2024 included \$15,000 which was given to assist with meeting the Rental for the Manse, \$5,000 received in memory Shirley Nesbitt, \$520 from the Movie night, and \$510 in other Donations.

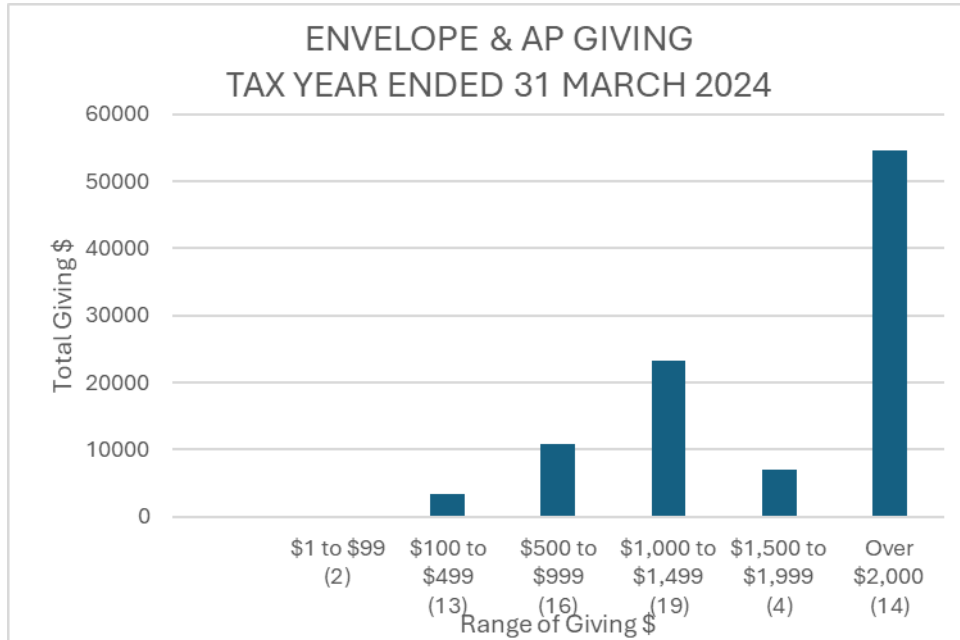
We have also been advised in addition to the Bequest of \$1,000 that will be coming from the Estate of Peggy Jourdain, \$3,000 is to be received from Riek Kleinjan's Estate.

General Funds: Funds held for General Operations at 31 March 2024 amounted to \$258,683.03

Analysis of Offering giving via Envelopes and APs for the Tax Year Ended 31 March 2024

Giving via these methods totalled \$99,217.80 (compared with \$96,061.70 for 2023).

The following Graph shows how the range of giving is spread:



As mentioned last month, the start of the new Tax year provides an opportunity for Members to review their giving and the following table shows the effect of how donations can be increased if the annual Rebates received are progressively added to each year's contribution.

Year	Basic Donation	Rebate @ 33 c in \$	Donation + Rebate
1	100.00		100.00
2	100.00	33.00	133.00
3	100.00	43.89	143.89
4	100.00	47.48	147.48
5	100.00	48.67	148.67
Total	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$173.04</u>	<u>\$673.04</u>

May 2024

Minister: Rev. Rodney Ramsay 0211259835 **Family Team:** Contact the Minister
Session Clerk: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530
Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz> **Hall Bookings:** Carol McConnell 0272210609
Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Session 7.00 Tea & Chat Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	2 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30 Badminton 7.30	3 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	4
5 Communion	6 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	7 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15 Study group 10 am & 7.30	8 Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30 Evng. Fellowship	9 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30 Badminton 7.30	10 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	11
12 Family Service Shared lunch	13 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	14 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15 Study group 10 am & 7.30	15 Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30 Bd. Managers	16 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30 Badminton 7.30	17 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	18 Winters Warmers
19 Morn. Worship	20 Friendship Gr Dance 3.30-6.00 Dancing 1-2.30 Pilates 6-8 HV Singers 7-9	21 Dance 4-7 Pilates 5.15-6.15 Study group 10 am & 7.30	22 Chair Yoga 11.30-12.30 Dance 3.30-7.30	23 Prayer 10.00 Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30 Badminton 7.30	24 Youth Group Dance 4.30-6 Pilates 6.30-7.30	25
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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