

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

APRIL 2022

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**Church Centre,
253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900**

***If you know of someone who was absent from church
today, or who is new to our community, would you kindly
deliver a copy of this bulletin to them...***

To Show We Care... Thanks.

Birthdays: If your birthday is in **April**, a very happy birthday to you!



BIBLE STUDY: The Know Your Bible study has recommenced. It is currently being held outside in a member's garden. If you are interested, please contact Jocelyn Daken 423 7088

Shared Lunch: It's back! The Shared Church Luncheon for April is yet to be advised.



LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING: Once again we will be lighting Lenten candles in the church as we progress towards Easter.

3 April (Lent 5)

Rheychille Reguyal

10 April (Lent 6 Palm Sunday)

Ann Clegg

Our Mission:

‘Love God, Love Each Other and Extend that Love beyond our Church’

Loaves & Fishes: The Foodbank is going through some changes at present. We are supporting isolating families in our area, and we wish all families dealing with

COVID 19 to get well soon. If you know anyone in the district that needs food, they can contact Ministry of Health or Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) Wellsford to ask for a food parcel. The CAB hours are 10am to 2pm every weekday. Our collection for parcels is at 253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900 and please collect the parcel by 1:30pm.



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

The Foodbank helped 94 families in February. Some of these were isolating families. Please donate food in our boxes if able. The boxes are at Hospice, CAB and Clever Endeavours. Thank you all for the support we have. From Irene

PASTOR'S BLURB FOR APRIL 2022

I love autumn. Autumn is like spring; in that it is not hot and not too cold. But I find that I have immediately to qualify that last sentence because many of us have, no doubt, found that it is not true that it is 'not too hot'. It *is* too hot still. In fact, we are experiencing an Indian summer once again. But it is nonetheless true that the mornings are a little cooler, and they are going to get cooler yet. Chris and I always comment on the 'autumnal feel' of days at this time of the year. We love the bright yet slightly cooler mornings. The early mornings have got so cool that when I am supervising Jack's weight-training in the shade of the house, once he has completed one set of barbell presses, I gladly walk to the patch of sunshine on the lawn and stand there until he is ready to do his next set. C S Lewis loved autumn too. In an anthology of his letters, compiled and published by his brother Warnie, the last letter in the collection is a very short one, but brilliant. I reproduce it here:

TO MRS JANE DOUGLASS: *from the Kilns*

30th September 1963

Thank you for your kind note. Yes, autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life. But of course, like Autumn, it doesn't *last*.

Warnie goes on to say that his brother's Autumn, 'like the year's, lasted only few weeks longer.' Not a bad letter to write, as the very last of one's letters! But I have always been taken with the theme in the last of C S Lewis's letters. Autumn may be the best of the seasons, and old age may be the best part of life. But, like Autumn, it doesn't *last*. And this is the point to which my meteorological meandering has led: I exhort us all to think more about our final destination. We are day closer to heaven than yesterday. Do you think much about your final home? Jesus came to earth and died to earn you the right to enter your heavenly home. We should *long* for it. We should *yearn* for it. We should think much about it. We should talk about it to each other. Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, chapter two, and verse nine: 'No eye has seen, no ear heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.' Why don't you let C S Lewis's last letter remind you (I'm speaking to myself here as well) of the mutability and impermanence of life, and your final destination. Jesus is waiting there, longing for you to join Him.
Regards David

Hour of Power: Do you find yourself missing a multimedia sermon during the month? Well do not fret! Did you know that all recent and past episodes of Hour of Power can be found on their website? The address is <https://hourofpower.org/episode/> Check it out and you will soon be hooked!



Featured episode! Pastor Bobby encourages us to focus on the dream God has given us, understanding that God's dreams take time, but in the process, He will turn tragedy into triumph, with his message, "[Your Dreams Will Annoy People and Get You in Trouble; So What?](#)"

Morgan Harper Nichols is an artist, poet, and author who creates beautiful and inspirational imagery from the stories she receives from others. Her new book, *Peace is a Practice: An Invitation to Breathe Deep and Find a New Rhythm for Life*, looks at how to find peace amidst the busyness and chaos in the world, and in our lives. [Watch here!](#)

Sean Oliu is a bi-lingual singer, songwriter, multi-talented instrumentalist and actor from Anaheim, California. He's also a member of the latest generation of Disney's Mouseketeers. He was named one of the top influencers in Orange County, and performs as both Cantor to his local congregation, and to hundreds of thousands of viewers through Club Mickey Mouse. Today, he is accompanied by his band the Coastline Cowboys: Daniel Hudson on bass and Ryan Brinkley on vocals and guitar and is supported by Dr. Marc Riley and the Hour of Power Orchestra. They perform "Because He Lives" (Gloria L. Gaither; Bill Gaither) and "I'll Fly Away" (Albert E. Brumley). [Watch here!](#)

The Hour of Power Choir, directed by Dr. Irene Messoloras, performs "Lead, Kindly Light/Amen" (John Rutter). [Watch here!](#)

Closing Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Francis of Assisi; arr: Z. Marasovich)

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

EASTER

Christ is risen:
The world below lies desolate.
Christ is risen:
The spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is risen:
The angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is risen:
The tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is risen indeed from the dead.
The first of the sleepers.
Glory and power are his for ever and ever.

(Hippolytus of Rome, c190-c236)

Story Behind the Song:

I'll go in the Strength of the Lord

At this time of year, changes and challenges occur for many people. Here in Canada, the current weekend sees the commissioning and appointing of cadets graduating from the College for Officer Training. Many other officers have already received new appointments and are preparing to move to new locations, while some are retiring and preparing to adjust to a different lifestyle. Apart from Salvation Army officers, there are students graduating from high school or university and facing new chapters in their lives. For all of these, this week's song can be their determination and encouragement. We can all face our circumstances, whether positive, exciting ones or difficult, discouraging ones, knowing God's strength will carry us through.

[Listen and sing along with this hymn by clicking here!](#)

*I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
In paths He has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of His Word,
Nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend;
His fullness my wants shall supply;
On Him, till my journey shall end,
My unwavering faith shall rely.*

*I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord;
I'll go, I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
(Repeat last line after third chorus)*

*I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To work He appoints me to do;
In joy which His smile doth afford
My soul shall her vigor renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
His power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust His omnipotent arm,
And prove His unchangeable love.*

*I'll go in the strength of the Lord
To conflicts which faith will require;
His grace as my shield and reward,
My courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since He gives the word of command
To meet and encounter the foe,
With His sword of truth in my hand,
To suffer and triumph I'll go.*

The Preaching Plan:

3 rd April	Multimedia
10 th April	Reverend David Balchin (Palm Sunday)
15 th April	Reverend David Balchin (Good Friday)
17 th April	Reverend David Balchin (Easter Sunday)
24 th April	Reverend Kathy Clifford

Wellsford Duty Schedule for April- Duty Stewards

<u>3rd April</u>	<u>10th April</u>	<u>17th April</u>	<u>24th April</u>	
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	

Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule – On Hold due to Covid uncertainty

<u>3rd April</u>	<u>10th April</u>	<u>17th April</u>	<u>24th April</u>	<u>3rd April</u>

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