

*Wellsford*  
*Co-operating*  
*Parish*

**APRIL 2019**

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**ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM**



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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.***

# WHAT'S UP IN APRIL?

**PASTORAL:** Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are sick and recovering at this time. ***We pray for the victims of the tragic terrorist attacks in Christchurch last month.*** If you know of any person who is ill or would particularly appreciate a visit, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team.



**Women's Fellowship:** Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDRAISER 28 APRIL**

This year's joint special project by the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand, focuses on families, and it is called **LET THE CHILDREN LIVE**

After church on **Sunday 28 April** there will be a special morning tea and a short talk on the Fiji section of the project and also the "Bellyful" initiative in New Zealand. There will be an opportunity for people to make a love offering towards this work.

**Shared Lunch:** The shared lunch on the **7<sup>th</sup> April** will be at Church Centre. You are cordially invited.



**Service at the Heritage Rest Home:** This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm.** Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



**Parish Council:** The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm.**



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



## **WORKING BEE**

There will be a working bee at the church on **Saturday 13 April.**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** There will be an ecumenical service led by Rev David Balchin at the Co-operating Church at **9:45am on Good Friday (19 April)**. All the other churches in Wellsford will take part and there will be time after the service for fellowship with our fellow Christians over a cup of tea or coffee and some hot cross buns.



**Loaves and Fishes:** The food bank is very busy with one day in March doing six parcels. We would like some more volunteers to help with the distribution of the food parcels. You would need to be in Wellsford or nearby. Transport would be essential. You will be given full training on how to process the parcel and the requirements needed.



This is random and you would be notified by the CAB between the hours of 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. If you are to help we would like to hear from you. Please contact Irene **0211022943**. We have had some excellent help with donations of money and food in the last month but this is a continuing need. We endeavour to help families that are struggling in these tough times. Thank you so much. From the ladies at Loaves and Fishes.

**COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE:** On the 28 April there will be an ecumenical combined church evening service led by the Christian Fellowship at **7:00pm** at the **Railway Station Church, Station Road, Wellsford**.

**Programmes for Shine Television** are in the foyer and on the notice board. Thanks to Pat Bennett who supplies the programmes.



**BIBLE QUIZ Question: Who wrote the most books in the New Testament? Paul, Luke, Peter or John?**

### **Our Mission:**

***'Love God, Love Each Other and Extend that Love beyond our Church'***

**Our thoughts are with the residents of Christchurch and the victims of last month's terrorist attack.**



## [Amazing Stories Behind Popular Hymns](#)

[http://www.tanbible.com/tol\\_sng/sng\\_isurrenderall.htm](http://www.tanbible.com/tol_sng/sng_isurrenderall.htm)

### **Abide with Me**

This beloved hymn of comfort and trust was written by a pastor who was sickly and unwell most of the time.

Henry F. Lyte pastored a seashore church in England, among the rough sailors and uncultured villagers. And this made outsiders often wonder. But they loved him and he loved the work.

However, health finally left him and the doctor advised him to retreat to sunny southern Europe, and he prepared to sail.

The last Sunday before leaving, although he had no strength to stand up and preach, yet he forced himself and preached among his weeping people. That evening, by the light of the evening sun, he wrote these words:

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;*

*When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,*

*Help of the helpless, O abide with me!*

***He sailed, but died abroad within that year.***

**Online Bulletin Download: You can listen to this hymn and even sing along by clicking [this link](#), or this [version at this link](#). Just download the bulletin from our website and click the [blue](#) links – it's that easy!**

## Abide with Me

*(1) Abide with me- fast falls the eventide;*

*The darkness deepens- Lord, with me abide;*

*When other helpers fail and comforts flee,*

*Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*(2) Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;*

*Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;*

*Change and decay in all around I see;*

*O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

*(3) I need Thy presence every passing hour;*

*What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?*

*Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?*

*Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*(4) I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;*

*Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness;*

*Where is death's sting? where, grace, thy victory?*

*I triumph still if Thou abide with me.*

*(5) Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;*

*Shine thru the gloom and point me to the skies;*

*Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;*

*In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

Watch the story behind Abide with Me and the football anthem – [click here](#)

Or this story behind this hymn – [click here](#)

**BIBLE QUIZ Question answer: Who wrote the most books in the New Testament? Paul**



**Easter Joy**

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on  
Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for  
sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,

But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly  
death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for  
Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank  
you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

**By Joanna Fuchs**

**Pastoral Care Team**

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***Willis & Robyn MacGillivray***

**Minister's Steward:**

***Ann***



## **Pastor's Blurb April 2019**

I could share with you a blessed revelation that I had recently. I could share with you that when Jesus was on the Mount of Transfiguration, He was speaking to Moses and Elijah about His coming departure (exodus in Greek), He was speaking with them about the cross. I could share with you that His coming 'departure' was the antitype of the exodus in the Old Testament in which the people of God were rescued from slavery and a cruel death into the promised land flowing with milk and honey. By 'antitype' I mean that Jesus' departure via the cross, was the real Exodus, in which God's people were led out of the real slavery to sin and rebellion and into the real Promised Land of the New Heavens and the Earth, and the Old Testament exodus was the type of which Jesus' 'departure' via the cross was the antitype. I could share with you this teaching, for those of you who don't already know it.

I could share with you the above revelation. But instead, I want just to remind you of the basic and immediate truth which the cross of Jesus means. No matter what sin you have committed in the past, or are committing right now, or will commit in the future, it is forgiven. I leave you with the words Jesus spoke to woman caught in adultery: 'Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more'.

That is the word of the cross this Easter.

**Your brother,  
David**

**Dear Lord,**

Let this morning bring me word of your unfailing love for I have placed  
my trust in you.

Help me in every moment of my life to choose what is right, to do what  
is just and true, and to put more value on Your principles.

Help me to be a vessel of your love and encouragement, and hope for  
people who are in need.

Help me to have mercy because you are a merciful God.

And please give me the strength to forgive with all my heart.

Help me to walk humbly in Your greatness as You are the Greatest and  
the Greatness of all things on earth and in heaven.

**AMEN**

## Service Schedule for April 2019

### The Preaching Plan:

- April 7th: Rev Warwick Hambleton  
April 14th: Rev David Balchin (**Palm Sunday**)  
April 19th: Rev David Balchin (**Good Friday**)  
April 21st: Rev David Balchin (**Easter Sunday**)  
April 28th: Ann Clegg



### Wellsford Duty Schedule for April 2019

#### Duty Stewards

<u>April 7th</u>	<u>April 14th</u>	<u>April 21st</u>	<u>April 28th</u>	<u>5th May</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Charlee Kerr

#### Morning Tea

<u>April 7th</u>	<u>April 14th</u>	<u>April 21st</u>	<u>April 28th</u>	<u>5th May</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan / K Lennon	Ann Clegg / J Daken	S and N Duinkeke

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