

Wellsford
Co-operating
Parish
AUGUST 2019

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ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM



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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 AUGUST?

PASTORAL: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are sick and recovering at this time. 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 6th August** at **10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.



Shared Lunch: The shared lunch on the **August 18th** will be at the **Church Centre after the A.G.M.** You are cordially invited.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home: This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 13th August at 1.30pm.** Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 13th August at 4pm.**



AGM: Remember our AGM is after church on **18 August.** Please try to attend. Your input is valuable.

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



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



SHARED SERVICE: This year the Wellsford churches have had a shared evening service every two months on the last Sunday of the month.

We began with a service at the Church of Christ in February, then at the Christian Fellowship (the Station Church) in April.

This June it was the Co-operating Church's turn. On the 30th of June at 7:00pm, we had a wonderful service. People came from every Wellsford church - one lady and her children came from Mangawhai! - The atmosphere was warm and friendly, the singing was magnificent and the sermon was stirring. So many people came that we needed to bring in extra chairs.

The next combined service will be at the Catholic Church on **25 August at 7:00pm**. This service will be on the Stations of the Cross. Those of us who have been in the Wellsford Catholic Church will have seen the wonderful paintings illustrating the Passion of Jesus. Now is your chance to see them.

This service promises to be an enlightening service of worship with all our friends. Please try to be there.

PRAYER:

Loving God,
You sent your son, Jesus,
To be a light for us,
And to show us how to live a life
That journeys with you,
Sees with your eyes
And loves with your heart.
Show us today and every day
How to put this into practice
For the benefit of your world.
Amen

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FEATURED HYMN: LOVE DIVINE

(Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88). Music: John Stainer (1840-1901) Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) "Airedale". Music: William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937) "Blaenwern". Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-57) "Hyfrydol."

Love divine, all loved excelling

Joy of heaven, to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling

All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,

Let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never,

Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,

Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation,

Perfectly restored to thee:

Changed from glory into glory,

Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before
thee,

Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



'Love divine' is one of Charles Wesley's most popular hymns. Charles wrote about 6,000 hymns. He was a travelling preacher, legend has it that he scribbled down hymn ideas on little cards that he carried with him as he rode. Once a horse threw him off and this is what he wrote in his diary, 'My companion thought I had broken my neck, but my leg was only bruised, my hand sprained and my head stunned, which spoiled my making hymns the next day.'

Charles Wesley's brother John made several changes to the hymn as Charles wrote it. A verse was taken out by John, possibly because he disagreed with his brother's belief expressed in the hymn that we can be completely cleansed of sin in this life. He made several other alterations, some of which have been kept in the final version and some not.

There are many different melodies to 'Love divine'; these include "Airedale" by Charles Villiers Stanford, and Irishman, composer and teacher whose pupils included Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and John Ireland. "Blaenwern" was written in 1905 by Welsh schoolteacher William P. Rowlands. Another Welsh tune, "Hyfrydol" was composed by Rowland Huw Prichard who worked in the Welsh mills. John Stainer was a respected organist and composer who was knighted by Queen Victoria.

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!

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BIBLE QUIZ: What is the most dangerous word in the Bible? (Question submitted by Jocelyn Daken)



Pastor's Blurb August 2019:

Beloved brothers and sisters,

How's the joy level? My friend and I (in my non-Christian days) used to ask one another, "What's your happiness level on a scale from 1 to 10?" Now that that I am in Christ you won't be surprised to find that my average joy level has taken an enormous leap towards the 10 end of the scale. And of course if we remember Peter's word to us that we have an inexpressible and glorious joy, we realise that we can always, when asked "What's your joy level?" answer with perfect truth, "10!"

This month I'd like to bring a beautiful paradox. In logic, A cannot equal not-A. But in Christ apparent contradictions can be reconciled. We have this great joy, true enough, but with a kind of holy and glorious paradox, we are also mourners in Zion (Isaiah 61:3). When you begin to live to Christ, you begin to mourn – because of the lost, because of the world's rebellion to God, and because of your own sin. Be encouraged by this last kind of mourning, because if you are deeply discontented with yourself, you are probably growing into the full likeness of Christ. It is the self-satisfied, careless, self-righteous person who had better examine himself. And remember, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Your brother,

David



Loaves & Fishes has continued to support families in the Wellsford and surrounding districts with parcels of Food. There has needed to be a lot more thought and energy to keep this service going with the high demand. With the high cost of this service increasing we decided to look for help through grants.



Wellsford Four Square supports us and we shop with them when basic items get low. Wellsford Bakery supports us and we collect from them each week. We are also supported by Jesters with pies.

Tina's supplies us with boxes as the ban on the use of plastic bags has affected us greatly. We are grateful for the help of these businesses and ask people to support them and show that we appreciate community minded businesses in our town.

Our collections points are the same – Hospice Shop and Citizens Advice Bureau at the Community Centre. Please be aware that when you donate at New World or Countdown this food is not distributed in our area. The Church communities keep helping us with food donations and we thank them but there has been a down turn in donations from the community.

We continue to direct families to organisations for help with their particular problem. No matter what is donated, food or money we endeavour to see that these are used in the local community for those in need.

Irene, Lou, Susan and Mary.

NOTE: THE FULL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MONTHS' A.G.M FOR YOU TO READ- THIS IS AN EDITED VERSION.

BIBLE QUIZ Question

answer: What is the most dangerous word in the Bible?

It is 'tomorrow' because we presume we have tomorrow to do things in. We have no control over tomorrow, don't even know if we will see tomorrow.

Source: Slaying the Giant of Procrastination by Dr David Jeremiah

Service Schedule for August 2019

The Preaching Plan:

- August 4th:** Multimedia Service
- August 11th:** Rev David Balchin (Communion)
- August 18th:** Rev Verna Healy (**A.G.M**)
- August 25th:** Rev David Balchin



Wellsford Duty Schedule for August 2019- Duty Stewards

<u>August 4th</u>	<u>August 11th</u>	<u>August 18th</u>	<u>August 24th</u>	<u>September 1st</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	S and N Duinkeke

Morning Tea

<u>August 4th</u>	<u>August 11th</u>	<u>August 18th</u>	<u>August 24th</u>	<u>September 1st</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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