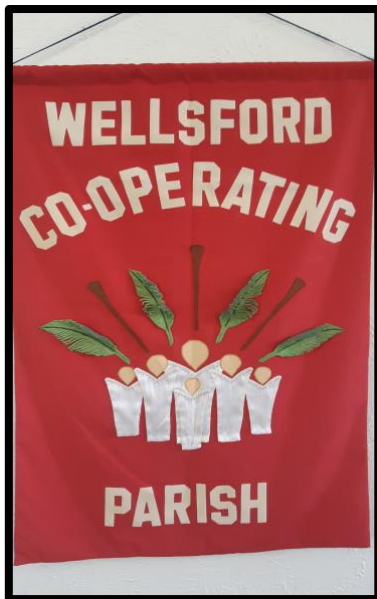


Wellsford Co-operating Parish

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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: This will be held on the **4th August at 10:00 am** at the Co-operating Church. **10:30am** for the Inter Church Women's Fellowship.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home: Heritage Rest Home 1 Olympus Road Wellsford will be on the **4th August at 1:30pm.**



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet for one time only on Wednesday the **12th August at 2pm at the Co-Op church centre.**



A.G.M: Remember that our A.G.M will be held after church on the **16th August.** Please try to be there.

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



Shared Lunch: This will be held at Steven & Nelleke's place on the **2nd August.** All are most welcome.



COMBINED WELLSFORD CHURCH SERVICE: This will be held on the **30th August, 7:00pm** Anglican Church, 17 Port Albert Road.

Our Mission: 'Love God, Love Each Other and Extend that Love beyond our Church'

Pastor's Message for August:

AN EXCITEMENT, A WARNING AND AN EXHORTATION

This month I have three things for you: something exciting, a warning, and an exhortation.

The excitement. Darwinian scientists present a united front to the world, in that they don't want the world to suspect that Darwinian evolution is anything other than true. But behind closed doors, all is not well in the state of Denmark. A group of scientists are followers of the prominent astronomer Dr Fred Hoyle. Hoyle gained notoriety in the scientific world by saying that Darwinian mechanism could not explain the evolution of life from non-life. So he said that life must have seeded on earth from outer space. These scientists who have followed Fred Hoyle have written an article arguing for the necessity of *panspermia*. Panspermia is the idea that life exists in seeds throughout outer space, and sometimes in the distant past, an asteroid brought the seeded life to earth. But where the article gets exciting, for me, is when they argue against the possibility of life evolving on the earth. I quote from the article: "Modern ideas of abiogenesis (life coming from non-life) in hydrothermal vents or elsewhere on the primitive Earth has developed into sophisticated conjecture without evidential support." Let me remind you that these scientists don't believe in God. But what they say is exactly what creationist Christians know. They continue, "The transformation of an ensemble of appropriately chosen monomers (e.g. amino acids, nucleotides) into a primitive living cell capable of further evolution appears to require overcoming an information hurdle of super-astronomical proportions.... an event that could not have happened within the time-frame of the Earth, except, we believe, as a miracle." If I had the knowledge of the technical terms, I could have written that myself! But it all goes downhill from here. They continue: "At this stage of our scientific understanding, *we need to place on hold the issue of life's biochemical origin. Where, when and how (life began) may be too difficult to solve on the current evidence.*" And from here on, they argue that the seeds of DNA life must have been brought here by an asteroid.

Pastor's Message continued:

But, being realistic for a second, how could they think that DNA life could survive in the cold vacuum of space, and after it has entered earth's atmosphere on an asteroid, travelling at 34km per second, smashed into the earth with the impact causing enough heat to melt the very ground it crashed into? The lengths that men and women will go to evade the obvious fact that the existence of life points to the only possible cause: God. But isn't it exciting that a group of atheist scientists have written an article which could have been written (the first half, anyway) by creationist Christians?

The warning We mustn't judge. 1 Corinthians 5:12 says, 'What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside.' Instead, we must love them. And that leads me to the exhortation:

The exhortation 'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.' Do you want to know what we say in this world? We say, 'be reconciled to God'. That's our mission. And sometimes the way into a conversation about the gospel is by 'creation evangelism'.

Your brother,

David

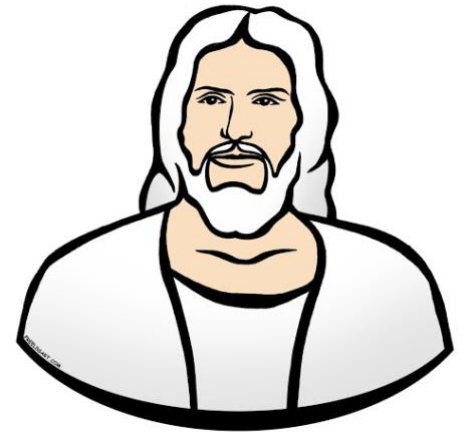
Loaves and Fishes:

Foodbank continues to be very busy. Thank you to all who have helped or donated in the months of May and June. We gave out 33 Food parcels and 120 fruit and vegetable packs in May. In June we gave out 50 food parcels and 120 fruit and vegetable packs.



PRAYER

Thanks be to God
For the love that gives us life
And holds us through all
our days.



Thanks be to God
For friends who share
our joys and sorrows,
And in whose company,
we can delight and flourish.



Thanks be to God
For the hope of
your son Jesus
Christ.

Amen



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"The Dragon Behind The Teeth."

We all make mistakes from time to time, but if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect and also able to control his whole being.

We place a bit in a horse's mouth and make it go where we want, likewise, a big ship driven by the wind is steered by a small rudder, controlled by the pilot.

The tongue, small as it is can boast about great things
A large forest can be set on fire by a tiny flame . The tongue is like a small flame, it can set on fire the entire course of our existence

Man is able to tame all other creatures, but no one has ever been able to tame the tongue.

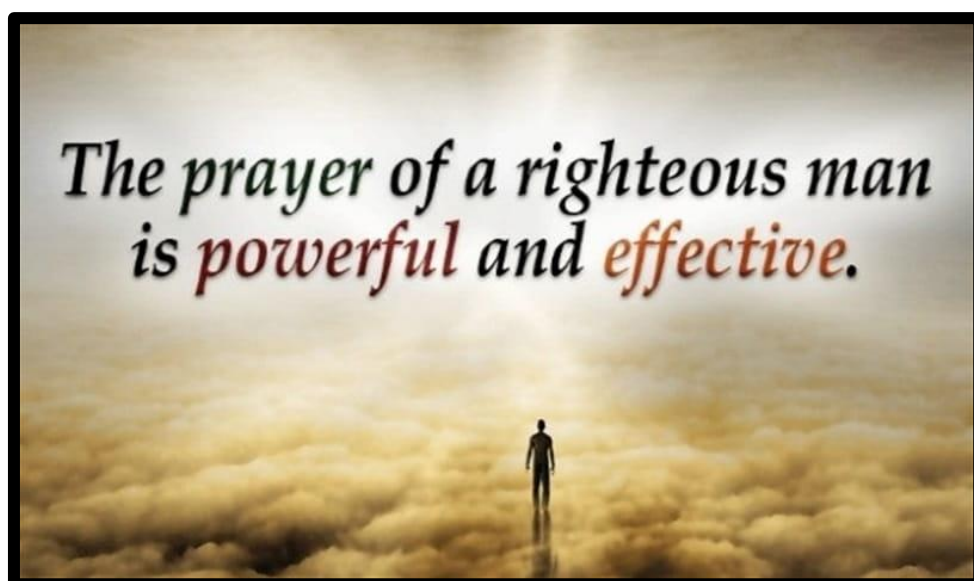
We use it to give praise to our Lord and curse our fellow men, made in the image of the Heavenly Father

We become scandal-mongers and slanderers - this should not be!

Words of praise and gossip should not come out of the same mouth, wounds by words do not heal easily.

Therefore let us guard our tongue as well as the messages we send via Emails, WhatsApp, Skype, or Twitter.

(Read James 2) Contributed by Ria



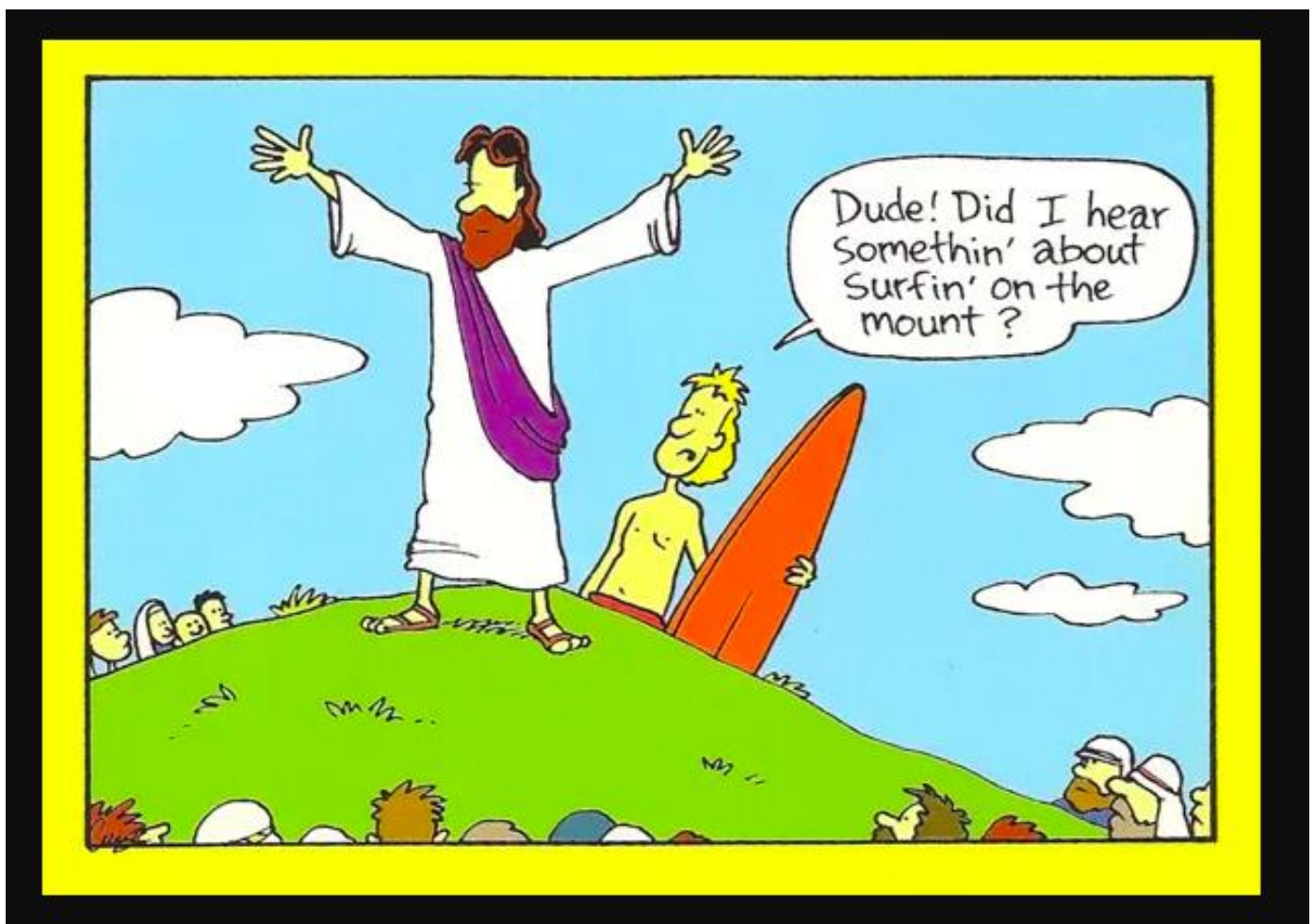
FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,
DECLARES THE LORD,
PLANS FOR WELFARE
AND NOT FOR EVIL,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE
AND A HOPE.

jeremiah 29:11

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Here is a little bit of comic relief...



Service Schedule for August 2020

The Preaching Plan:

2nd August:	Multimedia Service
9th August:	Rev. David Balchin (Communion)
16th August:	Rev. Verna Healy (A.G.M)
23rd August:	Rev. David Balchin
30th August:	Ann Clegg

Wellsford Duty Schedule for August- Duty Stewards

2nd Aug.	9th Aug.	16th Aug.	23rd Aug.	30th Aug.
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	Albert & Ria Olivier	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

Morning Tea

2nd Aug.	9th Aug.	16th Aug.	23rd Aug.	30th Aug.
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E Nolan/ K Lennon	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

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