

*Wellsford  
Co-operating  
Parish*

**February 2019**

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<http://wellsfordmethodistpresbyterian.weebly.com>

**ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM**



**Church Office Phone: 09 423 8076**  
**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.***

# WHAT'S UP IN FEBRUARY?

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February** at **10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.



**Shared Lunch:** The shared lunch on the **3<sup>rd</sup> February** will be at the home of Jocelyn Daken. You are cordially invited.



## Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



**Parish Council:** The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm** – please **note the new meeting time of 4pm**.



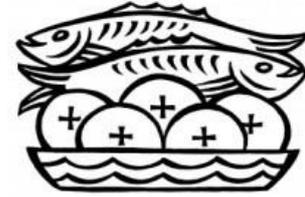
**Birthdays:** If your birthday is in February, a very happy birthday to you!



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



**Loaves and Fishes:** Your support of the Food Bank is appreciated.



**BIBLE QUIZ Question:** Which prophet saw God give life to a pile of dry bones?

For contributions, e-mail the editor Mark at [marklorenzen73@gmail.com](mailto:marklorenzen73@gmail.com)

**Our Mission:**

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

**DEATH NOTICE**

We were saddened to hear of the death of Graeme Phillips on Thursday 17 January. Graeme was a much-loved husband, father and grandfather.

Anne and Graeme Phillips were core members of our parish until they moved to Christchurch.

Our sympathies are with Anne, her daughters Alison, Heather, Helen and their whanau.



## A New Year's Prayer



Happy  
New Year

Lord, you make all things new

You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise your glorious name.

Amen

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

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### Important Parish Meeting!

When? After the Morning Service on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please attend.



PARISH  
MEETING



## **Loaves and Fishes:**

We have had a busy time at the Wellsford Food Bank. Christmas Parcels were prepared on 17 and 18 December 2018. We wish to thank all the helpers on these two days. Most of the parcels for Mangawhai this year were put together in Mangawhai. We had fewer donations of food this year for Christmas Parcels.



We put together 71 parcels. We wish to thank the organisations for their contributions received. We started back on the 7 January and have done up to 10 parcels.

In the basic parcel we include: Flour, Sugar, Milk Powder, Cereal, Tins of Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Creamed Corn, Kernel Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, Beetroot and Fruit. We also put in Rice and Pasta so would appreciate donations with these items in mind.

We like to include bread, buns and margarine. If any meat has been donated this is included also. Any unperishable is welcome as we have had some feedback from the community and will look at solutions for these. Thank you everyone for your support of our small food bank and all the best for 2019.

Irene Rockell

**BIBLE QUIZ Question answer: Ezekiel.**

**Ezekiel 37**



## **A New Pastor's View: February 2019**

My name is David Balchin and the first thing I want to do is to thank God and thank you for giving me a new start and another opportunity to serve God by serving His church. For those of who don't know, I had open heart surgery in October 2017, and 36 hours after the surgery I had a stroke which deprived me of the power of speech. The first few months after the stroke I thought that I would never work again, because a preacher with no voice can't really preach! But as the months unfolded, and I worked closely with my speech therapist – speech therapists have to be the most encouraging people in the world – I began, almost incredulously, to believe that if push really came to shove, I could just preach again. It would take an extremely sympathetic congregation, and the congregation would have to work hard to 'tune into my unique way of speaking', but I realized it was possible. About a year after my stroke, my colleagues in the Kaimai Presbytery started to look a church that I could serve, and the Lord pointed them to Wellsford! I'll never the day when Chris and I travelled up from Waihi to meet the congregation in the Wellsford Co-operating Parish. It was the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. the Lord helped me to preach, and the congregation were very sympathetic and encouraging, and, to cut a long story short, we're here! So again, I want to thank God for being a God of the second chance. And I want to thank you, the congregation, for being so kind and encouraging as to have me and Chris, and the family.

I look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks and months. For now, I will leave you with a message from Jesus: 'These are the words of Him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts, no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name' (Revelation 3:7-8). If you want to hear more from Jesus, continue the reading. Your brother in Christ, David

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

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

### Jesus Loves Me

Without doubt the hymn that has influenced children for Christ more than any other is this simply stated one, “Jesus Loves Me.”

Anna Bartlett Warner wrote this text in 1860 in collaboration with her sister, Susan, as a part of one of the best-selling novel of that day. The novel was written by Susan, entitled Say and Seal.

In the novel, one of the characters, Mr. Linden, comforted Johnny Fax, a dying child, with the words of “Jesus Loves Me.”

Anna and Susan Warner were highly educated and deeply devoted Christian young women who lived all of their lives along the Hudson River in New York, in a lovely but secluded area apart from the busy world.

Their home was near the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and for a number of years these two sisters conducted Sunday School classes for the young cadets. Their home, Good Crag, was willed to the Academy and made into a national shrine.

Both sisters were buried with military honors in recognition of their spiritual contributions to the lives of the young military officers.

—Adapted from Kenneth Osbeck

**Listen to the versions of this hymn below...first download our online bulletin by [clicking here.](#)**

[Whitney Houston-Jesus Love Me -The Bodyguard](#)

[Chris Tomlin- Jesus Loves Me](#)

[Kids Praise and Worship Jesus Loves Me](#)

## Service Schedule for February 2019

### The Preaching Plan:

February 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Multimedia Service
February 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Rev David Balchin (Communion)
February 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Rev Verna Healy (Parish Meeting)
February 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Rev David Balchin
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Multimedia Service

### Pastoral Care Team

*Lorna Nolan,  
Nellika Duinkerke,  
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray*

### Minister's Steward:

*Ann*

## Wellsford Duty Schedule for February 2019

### Duty Stewards

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>17 Feb.</u>	<u>24<sup>th</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> March.</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	Ann Clegg / J Daken	E & L Nolan	Charlee Kerr

### Morning Tea

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>17 Feb.</u>	<u>24<sup>th</sup> Feb.</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> March.</u>
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### Parish Directory:

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**We hope you enjoyed reading this month's February bulletin!**