

Wellsford
Co-operating
Parish

July 2018

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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 JULY?

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 3rd July** at **10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am**. Pat Bennett will talk about her trip around the Great Ocean Road in Australia.



Shared Lunch: The shared lunch on the **1st July** will be at the home of **Jocelyn and Dennis Daken**.



Singing Practise on the **1st July** for 20 minutes approx.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 10th July** at **10.30 am**.



Bible Study: Would any lady interested in finding out about the KYB (Know Your Bible) study group please contact Lorna Nolan-eryl.lorna@gmail.com or phone **431 4965**.

Warm Movie Winter Afternoons: To all those interested in enjoying a Sunday relaxing at Robyn and Willis McGilveray's home, by watching a movie and being around great company, please let Ann Clegg know. This month's movie afternoon is scheduled for the **15th July**.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 10th July at 5pm** - would you consider joining the Parish Council? We meet only once a month.



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



Reminder: The AGM is after the church service on the 19th August.



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



Port Albert Service- July 8th: After the service, all are welcome to join with us as we visit the Port Albert congregation to participate in their service at 1.30pm.

BIBLE QUIZ Question: Paul was shipwrecked on what island?

Farewell to Mark: This is my last few weeks with the Wellsford Church. A need to be closer to family and an employment transfer will see me relocate to Christchurch mid-month. Over the last three years or so, I have really enjoyed contributing to monthly Multimedia services and the Parish Council. I have seen four ministers in my time. With my departure, there is a vacancy available on the Parish Council, if you are interested. I have also made up a stack of Multimedia services so my legacy can continue for a little while at least. Stay strong in your beliefs and I will be always thinking of you from Christchurch, blessings upon you all, Take a look back at the Multimedia services from 2015 to present: <https://youtu.be/N7bJB6oDVFo> from *Mark Lorenzen*

Shared Congregational Service: There will be an opportunity to sing your favourite hymns and share favourite bible readings, poetry or other item. If you would like a specific hymn, **please contact Ann or a member of the Parish Council no later than the 15th July.**

Amazing Stories Behind Popular Hymns

http://www.tanbible.com/tol_sng/sng_idratherhavejesus.htm

I'd Rather Have Jesus (1)

Forty years ago Bev Shea was attending the Bible School in Ottawa (Ontario) where I was teaching. He loved to sing. After more training in New York City he was given an audition at one of the radio stations and was offered a contract.

He asked that he might sing Gospel songs. He was told that he might use one occasionally, but he would have to use the songs on the Hit Parade.

What would he do? His mother was praying.

On Saturday night she placed a poem on the piano. In the morning he composed a tune for it. One verse was: "I'd rather have Jesus than silver and gold: I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I'd rather be true to His holy Name!"

Bev turned down the contract.

A short time later he was offered a position with a Chicago radio station where he might use the Gospel songs he loved. While there he met Billy Graham.

The rest of the story is well-known. R. Barclay Warren

I'd Rather Have Jesus (4)

George Beverly Shea yielded his talents and his life to the service of Christ at a very early age. Because he realized that in this life only what is done for Christ is of any lasting value, his singing has been a blessing around the world.

I wrote 'I'd Rather Have Jesus' in 1933, said Shea. As I sat one evening playing the piano, my mother brought to me a piece of paper on which was written a poem by Rhea Miller. She thought it to be a very wonderful poem and wanted me to read it. She then asked me to try my hand at writing a melody for it. I began to play as a melody came to me. I then sang and played for the first time 'I'd Rather Have Jesus.'

When the rich voice of George Beverly Shea is but a memory, many happy Christians will still be singing his song.

I'd Rather Have Jesus

*(1) I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.*

CHORUS:

*Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.*

*(2) I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause,
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame,
I'd rather be true to His holy name.*

*(3) He's fairer than liles of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.*

Meditation on Psalm 23,

by Leslie Brandt

The Lord is my constant companion.

There is no need that He cannot fulfil,

Whether His course for me points to the mountaintops of
glorious ecstasy; or to the valleys of human suffering, He is by
my side

He is ever present with me.

He is close beside me when I tread the dark streets of danger,
and even when I walk with death itself He will not leave me.

When the pain is severe, He is near to comfort.

When the burden is heavy, He is there to lean upon.

When depression darkens my soul,
He touches me with eternal joy.

When I feel empty and alone,
He fills the aching vacuum with His power.

My security is in His promise to be near to me always,

And in the knowledge that He will never let me go.

Answer to the Bible Quiz question: Malta

Our Mission:

***'Love God, love each other and extend that love
beyond our church'***

A Parish Councilor's viewpoint:

As I write this column, I have mixed emotions, part of me is sad to be leaving the lovely community of Wellsford and this Parish, of which I have enjoyed over four years with. I have often thought about trying to get back to Christchurch – to be closer to my mother (whom many of you have met) and my sister and her family, but the job market has seemed impossible. I was rather surprised when I happened to secure a permanent teaching position at Belfast school, beginning on the 23rd July.

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Multimedia Service

You are all
welcome



As you can imagine, it is a very busy time for me, organizing furniture removal, cancelling phone, power, the list goes on and finishing up at my current school. My students and parents are sad to see me go, as I am sure the staff are too. I will miss my class – the only regret I have is that this job opportunity did not come up at

the end of the year. As you can appreciate there is never a right time and as the late Robin Williams put it in his famous movie, *Dead Poet's Society*, sometimes you just need to say - **Carpe diem** – seize the day! I have kindly offered to keep compiling the bulletin for this Parish and have put together over 16 Multimedia services, which will keep you going for some time.

My greatest achievement in this church has, without doubt been the inclusion of the multimedia service, an original idea of mine. I have put together a look back at these services since 2015 and you can view this 15 minute clip at this address.

Thanks for having me as a part of your church. Stay true to your faith; keep strong in yourself and in your support of one another and stay in touch.

Regards Mark. Have you looked at <https://youtu.be/N7bJB6oDVFo>

MULTIMEDIA
SERMON

Service Schedule for July 2018

The Preaching Plan:

July 1st: Rowan Smiley (Communion)
July 8th: Multimedia service
July 15th: Ann Clegg
July 22nd: Multimedia Service
July 29th: Congregational Shared Service

Pastoral Care Team

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

Minister's Steward:

Willis

Wellsford Duty Schedule for July 2018

Duty Stewards

<u>1st July</u>	<u>8th July</u>	<u>15th July</u>	<u>22nd July</u>	<u>29th July</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Ann Clegg

Morning Tea

<u>1st July</u>	<u>8th July</u>	<u>15th July</u>	<u>22nd July</u>	<u>29th July</u>
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