

Wellsford Co-operating Parish JULY 2021

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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 Happening 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 (Covid allowing): **Tuesday 6th July @ 10:00am** for the Co-operating Church's Women Fellowship; 10:30am for the Inter Church Women's Fellowship, when we will be discussing the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home: **1:30pm Tuesday 8th June (Covid allowing)** at the Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road Wellsford.



METHODIST PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WELLSFORD

On **Friday 9 July** we will be privileged to host the Methodist President Andrew Doubleday to a shared Afternoon Tea at the Co-Operating Church from **3pm - 5pm**. This is your chance to meet with and listen to President Andrew.



Parish Council: **Tuesday 13th July @ 1:00pm** at the Co-operating Church.

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



Shared Lunch: This month's shared lunch will be at the Duinkerke's home on the **4th July**. All are very welcome.



AGM: Our AGM is coming up on the **15 August**. The Reports are due in to Parish Council by **20 July**. We have vacancies on the Parish Council and the Pastoral Care Committee.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

It was with sadness that the Parish Council received the resignation of Robyn MacGillivray from the Pastoral Care Committee. Robyn's telephone ministry has long been invaluable and even more so when the country and later the Auckland area went into the Covid-19 Lockdowns.

Thank you Robyn for the wonderful commitment you have made to the life of the Parish.

We ask the congregation whether anyone will be able to take over Robyn's Phone Ministry.

Loaves and Fishes

The team at Loaves & Fishes are still putting together food parcels for families in Wellsford and Districts. We did 57 parcels in May and are still sending out about 25 vegetable packs each Tuesday. The ladies work quickly and efficiently to get everything sorted in a very timely manner.

The foodbank still has a need for our basic items to be donated. Tinned goods are excellent. In each parcel we include baked beans, spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, creamed corn and whole kernel corn. Please remember where our donation boxes are. The Hospice Shop, CAB, at the Community Hall, Liz's Half Cut Barbers, or at Clever Endeavours. Thank you, Irene



Our Mission:

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

KYB Know Your Bible:

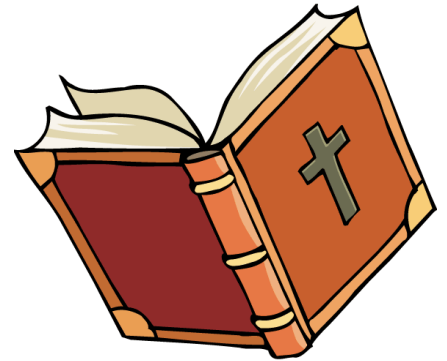
Hello All, The ladies at KYB are starting a new chapter. Kings and Kingdoms

Book of Daniel. We are all looking forward to discussing this book in the bible.

The book of Daniel tells the story of Daniel and his friends. It tells of kingdoms rising and falling. Daniel was a young man from Judah but he was living far from home, in a foreign kingdom (Babylon).

Thank you

Irene Rockell



OUR WELLSFORD FAMILY IN CHRIST:

On 4 July Father Bill Fletcher from the Catholic Church celebrates 50 years of being a priest. One of the joys of Wellsford, is that the Mainstream Churches work so well together. We congratulate Father Bill on celebrating half a century of being a priest.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

*I praise thee for the life that stirs within me:
I praise thee for the bright and beautiful world into which I go:
I praise thee for earth and sea and sky, for scudding cloud and
singing bird:*

*I praise thee for the work thou hast given me to do:
I praise thee for all thou hast given me to fill my leisure hours:
I praise thee for my friends:*

*I praise thee for music and books and good company and all
pure pleasures.*

(John Baillie, 1886-1960)

O God, I thank thee for all the Joy I have had in life.

(Byrhtnoth, 10th century)

The Hour of Power Dedication

It's not what I do.
I'm not what I have.
I'm not what people say about me.
I am the beloved of God.
It's who I am.
No one can take it from me.
I don't have to worry.
I don't have to hurry.
I can trust my friend Jesus
and share his love with the world.

Credit: hourofpower.org

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2021

15 August 2021 (AGM)
21 November 2021

PASTOR'S BLURB FOR JULY 2021: At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white, and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal (Revelation 4:2-6a).

I have discovered a new commentary on Revelation, one by William Hendriksen. He wrote it in 1940, so it's not new at all, but I have never read it before. It is brilliant. I will share with two points, from Hendriksen's commentary on Chapter 4:

1. If you step back and take the vision in, of God on His throne, you will be left with the impression that 'The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble; He sits enthroned above the cherubim; let the earth shake.' (Psalm 99:1). All things are governed by the Lord on His throne. 'All things' must include, therefore, earthquakes and storms and thunder and lightning. This should be a great comfort for the believer in the fiery trials through which he or she must pass. The Lord reigns. In fact, the Lord is in control. 'All things work together for good to those who love God' (Romans 8:28)– even fiery trials.

2. I will cite his second point verbatim: "Behold – a throne!" The throne is the very centre of the universe, not the geographical but the spiritual centre. Here is the true foundation for astronomy. The universe is neither geocentric (earth-centred), nor heliocentric (sun-centred), nor sagittario-centric (star-centred), but coleocentric, that is, theocentric. Here too is the true philosophy of history. The newspapers and radio announcements give you the headlines and the news flashes. The magazines add the explanations. But these explanations are, after all, in terms of secondary causes. The real mind, the real will that – while maintaining the responsibility and freedom of the individual instruments – is the mind, the will of Almighty God! Nothing is excluded from His dominion.'

I think we should always let the first few verses of Revelation chapter 4 pulse through our mind. If you see that, no matter what on earth happens, God is in control, you will rest in God's sovereignty. In fact, God's sovereignty will be your pillow. Your brother, David

The Story Behind the Hymns...Count Your Blessings

<https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/articles/history-of-hymns-the-complete-collection.html>

“Count Your Blessings” is a hymn about gratitude—it’s a call to rise above discouragement, doubt, envy, and self-pity to reach a new appreciation for the blessings which the Lord has poured upon each of us.

Former President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Joseph F. Smith wrote: “The spirit of gratitude is always pleasant and satisfying because it carries with it a sense of helpfulness to others; it begets love and friendship, and engenders divine influence. Gratitude is said to be the memory of the heart. And where there is an absence of gratitude, either to God or man, there is the presence of vanity and the spirit of self-sufficiency” (Gospel Doctrine, 5th ed. [1939], 262).

The hymn was written by Johnson Oatman Jr. in 1897 (with music composed by Edwin O. Excell). Oatman was born in 1856 in Lumberton, New Jersey, and looked up to his father dearly. It was said that his father had the best singing voice in town, and as Oatman grew, he wanted to contribute musically to the faith that he and his father shared. It wasn’t until he was much older that he realized his musical gifts. He eventually had written 5,000 songs and was happy that in his musical compositions he had found a way to ‘preach the Gospel’

“Count Your Blessings” is a very memorable hymn, with each verse beginning with a challenge and ending with the fact that no matter what happens, if we count our blessings, we’ll be “surprised,” “singing,” “rewarded,” and “comforted.” The chorus also repeats the same phrase twice with a different melody and adds the word “many” before the word “blessings” the second time.

This hymn exhorts us to move beyond such a narrow outlook, to rise above the corrosive effects of envy, and to realize that followers of Jesus Christ are heirs to the greatest of all blessings.”

[Listen and sing along by clicking here](#)

[Or this version - here](#)

Service Schedule for July 2021

The Preaching Plan:

4th July: Multi Media Service
11th July: Re David Balchin
18th July: Ann Clegg
25th July: Re David Balchin

Wellsford Duty Schedule for July- Duty Stewards

<u>4th July</u>	<u>11th July</u>	<u>18th July</u>	<u>25th July</u>	<u>First Sunday August</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	Albert & Ria Olivier	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

Morning Tea

<u>4th July</u>	<u>11th July</u>	<u>18th July</u>	<u>25th July</u>	<u>First Sunday August</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E Nolan/ K Lennon	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

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