

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

JULY 2023

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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.

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What's Happening in July?

PASTORAL: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are sick and recovering currently. If you know of any person who is ill or would particularly appreciate a visit, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care team. Our condolences and thoughts are with Pam Tod as she grieves the recent loss of her mother.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council Meeting for this month will be on a date yet to be advised.

We are on FACEBOOK! Yes, we are! Please like the page for important updates at this [link](#), or go to Facebook and search for Wellsford - Methodist Presbyterian Co-Operating Church.



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

SHARED LUNCH after Church will be at the Maria Harrison's home 26 Port Albert Road on the **2nd of July 2023**. The Church Luncheon for **next month** will be held at the Church after the **AGM** on the **20 August**.



REMAINING PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2023

20 August- AGM 19 November

FOOD BANK UPDATE: As you may know, we have been asked to become an autonomous Charity separated from the Church. We have nearly completed registering as a new charity. Because of Health and Safety reasons, we have also been asked to move out of the Church. We had been searching for a new home for several weeks with no luck. Finally, we have found a new place to go, and we moved on Wednesday 14th June. It is very sad for us to say farewell to the Co-Operating Parish after all these years. I will write a full report for you when everything is finalised.

Regards, Karen Lennon

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PASTOR'S BLURB FOR JULY 2023

'I daresay it won't matter in a hundred years from now'. That's what my father used to say when the members of our family were getting beside ourselves at some problem which, it seemed to us, was in danger of precipitating the end of the world. That saying of Dad's always seemed to calm me down. No, it won't greatly matter in a hundred years from now. Dad's quiet assertion had the effect of causing us to step back and get things in perspective. I want to share three examples of biblical characters who had the knack of stepping back and getting things in perspective. 1. David was in the Palestinian desert, hiding out, sleeping in caves, eluding King Saul who was out for his blood. He (David) was feeling sorry for himself in Psalm 13: 'How long, o Lord? Will you forget me forever?' (Psalm 13:1). But then David steps back, reminds himself of the main thing, which was that Lord loved him and meant good to him. This realization greatly cheered him : 'I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me'. Nothing external happened to David from the beginning of the psalm to the end, but he had mastered the art of stepping back and reminding himself of the great realities. He had brought himself from despair to song, just by stepping back and reminding himself of the Lord's love for him. 2. Habakkuk was feeling sorry for himself too. He complains: 'How long, o Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?' (Habakkuk 1:2). He was lamenting the continued propensity of the wicked to flourish and prosper. Then Habakkuk did the wise thing. He stepped back, took a deep breath, and recovered his perspective. And then he said, 'The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him.' (Habakkuk 2:20). Then the prophet went from being calm and peaceful, to positively exultant: 'Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour (Habakkuk 3:17-18). What a result from merely stepping back and reminding himself of the main things: that God is good, and worthy to be praised regardless of any circumstances surrounding him. Joy in the face of a difficult situation.

3. Job lost all his cattle, his servants and his ten children in one fell swoop. After much internal conflict, he too, took a step back, and reminded himself of the main things: that God is good, regardless of circumstances, and is worthy to be praised even the whole world is collapsing around one's shoulders. That is why Job said, 'Though he slay me, I will put my trust in him.' (Job 13:15).

Brothers and sisters, try and develop the habit of stepping back and reminding yourself of the big picture: God is in charge. He loves you. He knows exactly what you are going through. He won't let you go through an inch more than He knows you can handle. And the big picture is that whatever you are going through now will work out for your ultimate good and God's ultimate glory. Step back, and hear the words of my father, 'I don't suppose it will matter all that much in a hundred years from now.'

Your brother, David

The Story behind the Hymns
History of Hymns: 'The Church is One Foundation'
Source: Chat GPT

"The Church's One Foundation" is a popular hymn with a rich history. It was written by Samuel John Stone, an Anglican clergyman and hymn writer, in the mid-19th century. Stone composed the hymn in response to a controversy within the Church of England regarding the doctrine of the Church.

The hymn was written during a time when there was a theological dispute known as the Gorham Case. The case involved a clergyman named George Cornelius Gorham, who was denied a benefice by the Bishop of Exeter due to his views on baptismal regeneration. Gorham believed that baptism was an outward sign of grace, while the bishop held the view that baptism conveyed grace.

The controversy surrounding the Gorham Case led to divisions within the Church of England, with some clergy and congregations supporting Gorham's views and others siding with the bishop. Samuel John Stone was inspired to write "The Church's One Foundation" as a unifying statement of faith amidst these disagreements.

The hymn is based on the metaphor of the Church being founded on Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, drawing from biblical references such as Ephesians 2:20. It emphasizes the unity of the Church, despite differences in opinions and interpretations. The hymn affirms the unchanging nature of the Church, rooted in the work and teachings of Jesus Christ.

"The Church's One Foundation" was first published in Stone's collection of hymns called "Lyra Fidelium" in 1866. Over time, it gained popularity and became widely sung in churches around the world. The hymn's enduring message of unity and faith in Christ continues to resonate with Christians today, serving as a reminder of the Church's foundation and purpose.

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Sing along with this hymn [here](#)

Or this [version](#)

PRAYER: *We pray you, Lord, to direct and guide your church with your unfailing care, that we may be vigilant in times of quiet, and daring in times of trouble; through Jesus Christ our Lord (Fransiscan Breviary)*

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
The love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'
Is with us all.
Amen.

Spotlight on the Bible

Before the reading:

In the beginning was the word.
And the Word was with God.
And the Word was God.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

Romans 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Psalms 37:4

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

After the reading:

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us; **Thanks be to God.** (*'Word of God'* - page 21. *A Wee Worship Book*).

[If you want to read more of these for July, please click here...](#)

**In the light of faith, we gather here,
To celebrate Jesus, our Saviour dear.
With hearts ablaze and spirits bright,
We lift our voices to sing His might.**

**In every breath, His grace we find,
A love unbounded, eternally kind.
He walked this earth with selfless aim,
To redeem our souls from sin and shame.**

**Oh, let us rejoice, both young and old,
For Jesus' story, so wondrously told.**

**His birth, His life, His sacrifice,
All point us toward the eternal prize.**

**With humble hearts, we take our stand,
Guided by His gentle, loving hand.
To live a Christian life, we strive,
In faith, in hope, in love we thrive.**

**We turn away from paths of strife,
Embracing His teachings, the way of life.
With compassion, we reach out our hand,
To lift the fallen, to help them stand.**

**In every trial, He's by our side,
Our refuge, our strength, our constant guide.
Through stormy seas or valleys deep,
In Him, our souls find solace and keep.**

**With grateful hearts, we sing and proclaim,
The glory of Jesus, His sacred name.
In worship, we offer our songs and praise,
Forever grateful for His saving grace.**

**So let us shine with love's pure light,
Dispelling darkness, both day and night.
Living each day, in joyful devotion,
Celebrating Jesus with unwavering emotion.**

**For in His love, we are set free,
Bound by grace, for eternity.
So, with gratitude, we raise our voice,
In celebration, in Him, we rejoice!**

Source: Chat GpT



Monthly Bible Book Quiz, brought to you by Chat GpT

1. Who is traditionally believed to be the author of the Book of Genesis?

- a) Moses
- b) David
- c) Solomon
- d) Paul

**Answers are printed
on the back page!**

2. How many chapters are there in the Book of Genesis?

- a) 50
- b) 66
- c) 40
- d) 27

3. Which character in the Book of Genesis built an ark and survived the Great Flood?

- a) Abraham
- b) Joseph
- c) Noah
- d) Adam

4. Who were the first two human beings created by God according to the Book of Genesis?

- a) Adam and Eve
- b) Cain and Abel
- c) Abraham and Sarah
- d) Jacob and Esau

5. Which famous story in the Book of Genesis tells of a tower built by humans to reach heaven?

- a) The Tower of Babel
- b) The Tower of Jericho
- c) The Tower of David
- d) The Tower of Solomon

6. Who is the son of Abraham and Sarah, known as the father of the Jewish nation?

- a) Isaac
- b) Ishmael
- c) Jacob
- d) Joseph

The Preaching Plan for July 2023:

2nd July	Multimedia, Rheychille Reguyal
9th July	Rev David Balchin
16th July	Gene Nicholson
23rd July	Rev David Balchin
30th July	Rev David Balchin Preacher: Ted

Wellsford Duty Schedule for July Duty Stewards

2nd July	9th July	16th July	23rd July	30th July
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg/ Maria Harrison	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke

Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule

2nd July	9th July	16th July	23rd July	30th July
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg / Maria Harrison	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke

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Answers to this month's Bible Book Quiz:

1: a) Moses 2: a) 50 3: c) Noah 4: a) Adam and Eve
5: a) The Tower of Babel 6: a) Isaac