

Wellsford
Co-operating
Parish

JUNE 2019

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ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM



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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 JUNE?

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.

It was with deep sadness that members of the congregation attended the funeral service of Lorna and Eryl Nolan's daughter Megan Livik on 24 April. Megan was a lovely person and will be sadly missed.



Women's Fellowship: Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 4th June at 10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL PROJECT

The Special Project this year (2018/19) was called LET THE CHILDREN LIVE. The New Zealand section raised funds for BELLYFUL, a volunteer organisation that provides meals to families with new born babies, and families with young children who are struggling with illness. The overseas section raised fund for FIJI partners SEEP (Social Empowerment Education Programme) - which provides grassroots support for Fijian villagers.

A special morning tea was held after church on 28 April and raised \$165.20 - A big "thank you" to all the congregation members who support this ministry.



Shared Lunch: The shared lunch on the **2nd June** will be at the home of Chris and David Balchin, 16F Wellsford Valley Road. You are cordially invited.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home: This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 11th June at 1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 11th June at 4pm**.



MEET THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT: At noon on 14 June we will have a shared lunch at the church to meet the new Northland Methodist Superintendent and his wife Lucy. We hope that as many of the congregation as possible are able to come to welcome, share a meal and get to know our new superintendent.



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

Loaves and Fishes: Another month has gone quickly by in 2019. New Zealand is a changing place and Loaves & Fishes are finding we are requiring more & more food donations for parcels. Please continue to donate non-perishable items when you are able. Yours Irene.



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



PENTECOST SERVICE

There will be a Pentecost Day Service held at the **Church of Christ at 2:00pm on 9 June**. Everyone is welcome.



PRAYER

If I could make just one request that would mark all the days I have left,
I'd rather not be known for treasures and fame or trophies and accolades I
know will fade.

Instead I would rather be known by the kindness and love that I show,
To be known for patience and long suffering; a giver of life by the words that
I speak.

So with every breath you give to breathe,
I pray it's your glory that they see.

And all of the words this world could say, may they say I'm full of grace.
I'll be the first to confess I'm not always found at my best.

But Lord, be my strength in those moments I'm weak,
And I'll keep on giving the grace I've received.

And finally, when I see your face and I've reached the end of my race,
I don't want to be known for finishing strong
But as someone that your grace carried all along.

(Prayer of Grace, Morgan Harper Nichols)

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



BIBLE QUIZ: What was the name of Adam's third son?

FEATURED HYMN: *Make me a Channel of your Peace*

1. Make me a channel of your peace:

Where there is hatred let me bring your love,

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

CHORUS:

O master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved; as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace:

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,

Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

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CHORUS

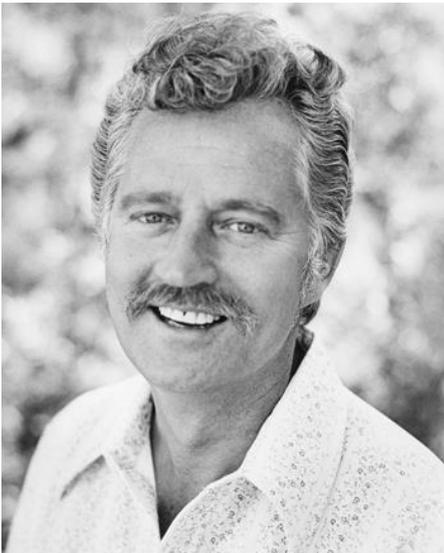
3. Make me a channel of your peace:

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

(Words and music Sebastian Temple 1928-1997)

The Story behind the hymn- 'Make me a Channel of your Peace':

Sebastian Temple adapted the words from 'The prayer of St Francis' (which was not written by St Francis), and composed the music for the hymn. His travels took him from Pretoria in



South Africa, through Europe and England and finally to California.

He grew up a Catholic amongst Calvinists and left home in his teens. When he lived in London, the BBC hired him for his knowledge of South African affairs.

He travelled to the United States, and in the late fifties took up Scientology, but that did not help him to find a purpose in life. He returned to the Catholic Church and settled into a secular order of Franciscans on the West Coast of the United States where he wrote and composed music for worship.

Mother Theresa included the 'Prayer of St Francis' as part of the daily morning prayers of her Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta.

Watch and listen to Sebastian singing and playing this hymn – [click here](#)

Or this version – [click here](#)

BIBLE QUIZ *Question*
answer: What was the name of Adam's third son? Seth



Pastor's Blurb June 2019:

It was 1985, and I was a brand new Christian. One of the 'rewards' I got from my new-found Christianity was finding the wherewithal to extricate myself from the rut of working at the steel mill, and go shooting off overseas. I'll never forget the experience of whizzing through Swiss countryside on the train (I had a Eurail pass), entirely oblivious to the unparalleled gems of countryside because I was looking at something even more enthralling: the bible. For the first time in life, the words pulsed with life and meaning.

My next adventure was to turn up on my favourite auntie's door in Surrey without telling her I was coming. She thought I was still in New Zealand. I used her place as a base for the three years, during which I spent 2 years in Istanbul teaching English at a foreign language to 12 year old Turkish children. But to return to 1985 and my new-found Christianity: needless to say, I went to church with my aunt. The church we went to was the 'Strict and Particular Baptists' (SBs for short). I hadn't been inside a church for 13 years, and it was a heady experience. There were only about 12 people there, and there were all (it seemed to me) over 90. The singing was agonizing (too high), and the sober pastor laboured his sermons for at least fifty minutes. It was the exact opposite of charismatic. I even had to sit apart from the others on communion Sundays because I hadn't been baptized as a believer. *But I loved it.* It was cold water to a thirsty soul. It was good news from a far country. They were enthralling words of life issuing from Pastor Sleeman's lips. If the service had been twice as long, it would still have been too short.

When I started this, I had intended sharing with you something entirely different. It was to be something I had learned from Hope Chapel (the SBs, my aunt's church). But it will have to wait till next time. But meanwhile, do any of you remember the bodybuilding film in the early 80's called 'Stay Hungry'? The lesson I want all of you – because I am preaching to myself here – is to *stay hungry*. Stay as hungry as I was in 1985, when I was a brand new Christian. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, because they shall be filled.

Your brother, David

Historic Churches in New Zealand:

During April I was fortunate to visit this historic Anglican church in Collingwood. The views from the pews are breath-taking. Thought I would share these images from my camera with you all, regards Mark Lorenzen



This from <https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/golden-bay> -The Parish of

Golden Bay is situated on the north western tip of the South Island of New Zealand and is part of the Tasman District within the Nelson Diocese.

Around two hours' drive west from Nelson City, the road crosses the

Takaka hill which gives panoramic views of both Tasman Bay and the Takaka Valley. It is a unique area, being bounded by mountains, two national parks (Abel Tasman and Kahurangi) and the Tasman Sea.

Golden Bay is blessed with a temperate climate and provides employment in the service industries, farming, building and tourism. The constant stream of visitors triples the population during the summer period. It is a thriving community with many cultures and beliefs.



Service Schedule for June 2019

The Preaching Plan:

- June 2nd:** Multimedia Service
June 9th: Rev David Balchin
June 16th: Ann Clegg
June 23rd: Rev David Balchin
June 30th: Rev Warwick Hambleton



30 June - *the bi-monthly combined Wellsford churches evening service will be held at the Co-operating Church at 7:00pm.*

Wellsford Duty Schedule for June 2019- Duty Stewards

<u>June 2nd</u>	<u>June 9th</u>	<u>June 16th</u>	<u>June 23rd</u>	<u>June 30th</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	S and N Duinkeke

Morning Tea

<u>June 2nd</u>	<u>June 9th</u>	<u>June 16th</u>	<u>June 23rd</u>	<u>June 30th</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan / K Lennon	Ann Clegg / J Daken	K Lennon/ S and N Duinkeke

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