

Wellsford Co-operating Parish JUNE 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 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.

Women's Fellowship (Covid allowing): Tuesday 1st June @ 10:00am Co-op meeting. 10:30 Inter Church Women's Fellowship at the Co-operating church, 253 Rodney Street, Wellsford. As you will have read, we have changed the format of our Women's Fellowship meetings, and for the Inter Church meetings at 10:30am, we discuss a topic each month. In May we discussed 'Pentecost'. We looked at the historical account and considered what was history and what was symbolic. Modern Pentecostalism which started in Los Angeles in 1906. Then we discussed the present day inspiration of the Holy Spirit - our own, individual Pentecost experience tailored to our own particular gifts and character. On JUNE 1 our topic will be the 23rd Psalm - 'The Lord's my shepherd'.

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



Inter-Church: Please remember our bi monthly inter church evening service. This month it will be held at the Co-op Church on the 27th June, 253 Rodney Street at 7:00pm.



Parish Council: Tuesday 8th June @ 2:00pm at the Co-operating Church.

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



Shared Lunch: This month's shared lunch will be at the Balchin's home on the 6th June. All are very welcome.



Loaves and Fishes

At the Foodbank we continue to distribute vegetable bags every Tuesday. A group of ladies gather to meet the deliveries and sort them into bags. With the help of the volunteers this takes effort and a short amount of time. There are good smiles at this time. The food bank did 70 parcels in May. This doesn't include vegetables. Thank you to those who support us. We have bins around the town of Wellsford at Hospice, Liz's Half Cut Barbers, Clever Endeavours and the CAB. We distributed over 100 vegetables in April. We are supporting new families every week. We are grateful to all that donate food.
Thank you Irene



KYB Know Your Bible

We are a small group of ladies who meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (January we have a break)
We meet at a different location each time at 10am for morning tea and a chat. At 10:30am we sit down for a set study of the bible until 12 noon. We say a prayer for those in need and leave shortly after.
At present we are studying Acts 13:28. Message and Mission. This time together is very uplifting and I enjoy being with the lovely ladies who attend.
Thank you
Irene Rockell

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

Report of the PARISH MEETING held after church on 16 MAY 2021

The meeting was ably chaired by Rev Verna Healy.

The PASTORAL CARE team (Rev David Balchin, Robyn MacGillivray, Nelleke Duinkerke) have been keeping in touch by visiting, and phoning. Remember that if you have any needs whatsoever, our congregation will try to help you as much as they are able.

FOOD BANK/LOAVES AND FISHES has had a busy start to the year. The team have distributed 270 Food Parcels so far. They also distribute Vegetable Bags, in April they gave out 143 Vegetable Bags.

The Inter Church Leaders' Meeting gathers once a month to discuss matters. We are very lucky that the Wellsford churches work so well together.

The church service held in the HERITAGE REST HOME is a very enjoyable affair. Those who attend are a lovely group of people whom it is a privilege to know.

The WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Meeting is a small but lively group of women (Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ & Co-operating Parish) who share their insights and faith with each other and learn a lot from each other.

GENERAL BUSINESS. After the burglary at the church we have replaced the communion cup and wooden cross on the communion table. The congregation were happy with these replacements. Our next meeting will be the AGM on 15 August - we have a VACANCY at the Parish Council. One person would put their name forward would be good; two people would be better. Please think and pray about whether you would be able to serve God and the congregation by having a turn on the Parish Council.

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.

The Story Behind the Hymns...

Credit: <https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/trust-and-obey/>

[John H. Sammis](#) was the writer of the Christian hymn *Trust and Obey* in 1887 with music composed by Daniel Towner the year before. Sammis was born in 1846, in Brooklyn, New York and died in 1919 in Los Angeles, California. A man of business who later turned to preaching for a Presbyterian church, John Sammis additionally wrote the popular hymn *He's a Friend of Mine*. He also was a teacher at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The inspiration for this hymn began in 1886 when the composer of the music, Daniel B. Towner, was the music conductor during one of Dwight L. Moody's renowned revivals. Towner offered the following testimony cited by Moody's musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*:

"Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, 'I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' I just jotted that sentence down and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born."

The text and music first appeared in the 1887 collection, *Hymns Old and New*, and the hymn and has been listed in countless hymnals since then. Methodist hymnals in the United States have included it since 1897.

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

[Or this version - here](#)

THE TRINITY

God the Father, God beyond us, we adore you.
You are the depth of all that is.
You are the ground of our being.
We can never grasp you, yet you grasp us;
the universe speaks of you to us, and your love
comes to us through Jesus.

God the Son, God beside us, we adore you.
You are the perfection of humanity.
You have shown us what human life should be like.
In you we see divine love and human greatness
combined.

God the Spirit, God around us, we adore you.
You draw us to Jesus and the Father.
You are power within us.
You give us abundant life and can make us the men
and women we are meant to be.

Father, Son, and Spirit;
God, beyond, beside and around us;
We adore you.

Caryl Micklem

PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2021

15 August 2021 (AGM)

21 November 2021

Pastor's Message for June: THE LORD IS KING

'I am the Lord; there is no other; apart from me there is no God' (Isaiah 45:5). 'Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. (1 Chronicles 29:11). 'Thine be the glory (a hymn). 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation' (another hymn). 'Reign King Jesus, Reign' (a chorus). The word of God testifies to it. We sing it. The Lord is King of the Universe. I want to beseech you, brothers and sisters, to realize that fact, meditate on it, and rest in it. The Lord is the Sovereign King of creation, and He sits enthroned above the cherubim. The Lord reigns in heaven, and the earth is His footstool (Isaiah 66:1). Now, the astounding fact is that if you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God is your Father. 'As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him' (Psalm 103:13). Jesus said to Mary, just after He had risen from the dead, 'I am going to my Father, and your Father' (John 20:17). Therefore I can well and truly believe that we (Christians), are 'the apple of His eye' (Psalm 17:8). I want to urge you to use the sovereignty of God (the fact that He rules and reigns over every single thing: everything in the past, everything in the present, and everything in the future), as a pillow to rest your weary heads. Just rest in His sovereignty. Such a pillow will give you rest as you remember things that happened in the past. Resting in the sovereignty of God made it easier for us to cope with our son John's death (he was 18 years old) in 2014. I was tempted to write, 'our son's untimely death', but I haven't written that, because that's the point. John's death wasn't untimely. Of course we grieve, and are still grieving, and we won't ever be the same again, but, even though we grieve, we are at rest. We use the sovereignty of God, our loving heavenly Father, as a pillow. And resting, we have been saved from thinking such agonizing thoughts as 'if only I had....' or 'if only that hadn't happened' or 'if they had only done it this way...' etc etc. John's appointed span was eighteen years and four months, and the Lord, the King, the apple of Whose eye John was, wanted him in heaven. Psalm 139:16 says, 'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.' Tozer says this much better than I ever could. He said, 'The man of true faith may live in the absolute assurance that his steps are ordered by the Lord. For him, misfortune is outside the bounds of possibility. He cannot be torn from this earth one hour ahead of his time which God has appointed, and he cannot be detained on earth one moment after God is done with him here. He is not a waif of the wide world, a foundling of time and space, but a saint of the Lord and the darling of his particular care.' (Tozer: *We Travel An Appointed Way*). Brothers and sisters, our Father is God, and He wants us to rest in the fact that, in love, He works everything out for your good, because you are the apple of His eye.

Your brother, David

Service Schedule for June 2021

The Preaching Plan:

6th June: Multi Media Service
13th June: Re David Balchin
20th June: Andrew Balchin
27th June: Re David Balchin
27 June: Inter Church Evening Service 7:00pm.

Wellsford Duty Schedule for June- Duty Stewards

<u>6th June</u>	<u>13th June</u>	<u>20th June</u>	<u>27th June</u>	<u>First Sunday July</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	Albert & Ria Olivier	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

Morning Tea

<u>6th June</u>	<u>13th June</u>	<u>20th June</u>	<u>27th June</u>	<u>First Sunday July</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E Nolan/ K Lennon	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

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