

# ***Wellsford Co-operating Parish***

## **JUNE 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.***

# ***What's Happening in June?***

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Council Meeting for this month will be on **Sunday 11th June**.



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

**SHARED LUNCH** after Church will be at the Balchin's home at 34 Matheson Road on the **4<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**. The **July shared luncheon for the 2<sup>nd</sup>**, will be at the home of **Maria Harrison, 26 Port Albert Road**.



**Evening Service Delight:** Please join us for a very special service on the **25<sup>th</sup> of June** at the Church Centre. Start time **7pm**.

**REMAINING PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2023** 20 August- AGM  
19 November

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## **PRAYER**

Spirit of Joy, with us always.  
Through you, Christ lives in us, and we in Christ.  
Forgive us when we forget you.  
and when we fail to live in your joy.

Spirit of love, with us always,  
you bind us in love to yourself.  
and to those around us.  
Forgive us when we hurt those we love.  
and when we turn away  
from the love of our friends.

(The people of Pitt Street Uniting Church, Sydney, Australia)

## PASTOR'S BLURB FOR JUNE 2023

This morning's reading took me to the book of Acts: "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul approved of their killing him." (Acts 7:55 – 8:1). The disciples asked Jesus (before He had gone to the cross), 'What will be the signs of the end of the age?' He answered that His followers would be persecuted and hated and be put to death.' I would not be so foolhardy as to identify now as the 'end of the age'. But anyone can see that the days are getting fewer when Christians will be able to 'fly under the radar' of society, and so avoid persecution. Whether we like it or not, the days are coming, and are now here, in which some Christians, to continue to be true to Jesus, are bringing down the wrath of the government and its mad-made laws, such as the law of 'hate-speech' upon themselves. Be of good cheer! We can learn from Stephen. He was living in tumultuous times too, but he was a zealous and obedient Christian, and did not shy away from speaking up when his time came. What can we learn from him? 1. When his time came, and he realized that he had to speak for Jesus, he was not stammering and shrinking from the spotlight. He had the face of an angel. The Lord was right there by Stephen's side, helping him. When your time comes, and you realize that you must speak up for Jesus, the Lord will be right there by your side as well, and you will have the face of an angel. 2. When the situation got dangerous for Stephen, he did not flinch and back down. He was caught up in his witnessing till the last second, even having the presence and the peace of mind to pray a prayer of forgiveness for his killers. 3. His words had limitless effects. Saul, who approved of the killing at the time, never forgot Stephen's words. The fact that Stephen was prepared to die for the truth of what he believed, had a profound impact on Saul. Stephen's words did not influence Saul right then and there, but given time, they had a life-changing effect on him, and he became the world's greatest missionary. You cannot know the effect of your words. Be bold, and cast your bread upon the waters, and leave the result to God. He will reap a colossal harvest from your bravery. Be encouraged by Stephen's example!

Your brother, David

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

## The Story behind the Hymns

### History of Hymns: 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'

Source: Chat GPT

The Methodist hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" is a well-known Christian hymn that celebrates the sovereignty and majesty of Jesus Christ. It was written by Matthew Bridges in 1851 and later revised by Godfrey Thring in 1874. The hymn is based on the concept of Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords, and it reflects on his various titles and attributes.

The original text of the hymn consisted of six stanzas, each highlighting a different aspect of Christ's identity and work. It draws inspiration from biblical passages such as Revelation 19:12, which speaks of Jesus having many diadems or crowns upon his head. The hymn emphasizes Christ's role as the victorious and exalted ruler over all creation.

Matthew Bridges, the original author, was an Anglican who later converted to Catholicism. He wrote the hymn as part of a larger collection called "The Passion of Jesus" and intended it to be a reflection on the sufferings and triumphs of Christ. Godfrey Thring, a Church of England clergyman, revised the text to make it more suitable for congregational singing.

Over time, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" gained popularity and became a cherished hymn in various Christian denominations, including Methodism. It has been included in numerous hymnals and is often sung during Easter and other occasions that celebrate the kingship of Christ.

The hymn's lyrics depict Jesus as the conqueror of sin and death, the ruler of all creation, and the object of worship and adoration. It expresses the belief that Jesus is deserving of praise, honour, and crowns from all people, both in heaven and on earth.

Today, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" continues to inspire and uplift worshippers around the world, serving as a reminder of Christ's sovereignty and the hope found in his redemptive work.

**Use our digital edition to listen to...Link is hyperlinked.**

Sing along with this hymn [here](#)  
Or this version from [Michael W Smith](#)

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**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.**

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**Spotlight on the Bible Pentecost**  
*Bible King James Version*

**Before the reading:**

In the beginning was the word.

**And the Word was with God.**

**And the Word was God.**

12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan, they came.

12:6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

**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*)



# June

## The Joy of the Lord

Day 1 – Romans 15:13

Day 2 – James 1:2-4

Day 3 – Philippians 4:4-7

Day 4 – Galatians 5:22-23

Day 5 – John 16:21-22

Day 6 – Proverbs 17:22

Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:8-9

Day 8 – Romans 14:17

Day 9 – Psalm 118:19-24

Day 10 – Psalm 16:9-11

Day 11 – John 15:7-11

Day 12 – Isaiah 55:10-13

Day 13 – Psalm 30:4-5

Day 14 – Proverbs 10:28

Day 15 – Psalm 71:22-23

Day 16 – Nehemiah 8:9-12

Day 17 – Psalm 126:5-6

Day 18 – Psalm 33:20-22

Day 19 – 1 Peter 4:12-13

Day 20 – Psalm 5:11-12

Day 21 – 1 Chronicles 16:25-27

Day 22 – John 16:24

Day 23 – Psalm 51:10-12

Day 24 – Isaiah 61:10-11

Day 25 – Psalm 94:18-19

Day 26 – Isaiah 9:2-3

Day 27 – Habakkuk 3:17-19

Day 28 – Psalm 30:11-12

Day 29 – Colossians 1:9-14

Day 30 – Psalm 100

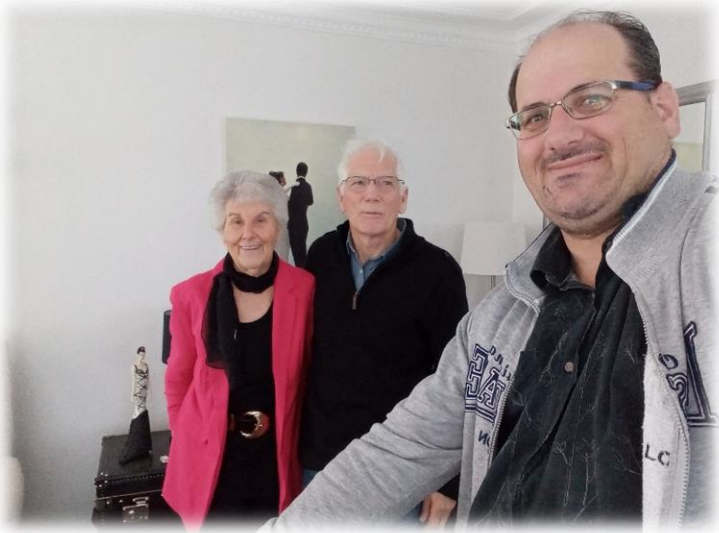


## My Day Trip to Auckland

On Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> this year, I went to Auckland for the day. Of course, to get to Wellsford and back in a day, I needed to hire a car. I really enjoyed my last visit to Wellsford. The highlight was paying an



unexpected visit to current attendees of our church – Willis and Robyn and Ann Clegg. Time went so fast, and I was not able to visit everyone, but I had a great day and here are some of my photos. Regards Mark Lorenzen. P.S If ever you have something for the monthly bulletin, please contact me at [marklorenzen73@gmail.com](mailto:marklorenzen73@gmail.com). I'd love to feature it!



## The Preaching Plan for June 2023:

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Multimedia, Rheychille Reguyal
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rev David Balchin
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Ann Clegg
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rev David Balchin
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rev David Balchin- Evening service 7:00pm</b>

### **Wellsford Duty Schedule for June Duty Stewards**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg/ Maria Harrison	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke

### **Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
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