

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

MARCH 2023

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253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900**

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 March?

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 12th March at 1.30 pm.



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



SHARED LUNCH will be on the 5th of March at Eryl Nolan's home, 506B, Pakiri Block Road, Tomarata.



REMAINING PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2023

21 April

20 August- AGM 19 November

Do you have a church related event? Let us know so we can include it here.

Hour of Power – Bobby has released a Godly meditations eBook – you can sign up for a free copy here: https://hourofpower.org/godly-meditations-ebook/?source=23HEZ012&utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=display&utm_campaign=godlymeditations&utm_content=shortad

PASTOR'S BLURB FOR MARCH 2023

“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and impurity. On that day I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more,' declares the Lord Almighty.” (Zechariah 13:1-2). This was our reading when, as a family, we had our devotion this morning. We read on: “Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me. Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered” (Zechariah 13:7). Jesus quoted this last verse as He was being arrested. He knew that Zechariah was prophesying about Him, and that once the 'sword' would come against Him, His disciples would scatter (which they did). 'That day' was, of course, the time of Jesus's crucifixion when God would open a fountain (the death of Jesus) to propitiate His wrath against His people's sins and expiate their guilt by cleansing them whiter than snow (Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 1:9). We read on: ' “In the whole land”, declares the Lord, “two thirds will be struck down and perish, yet one third will be left in it. This third I will put into the fire. I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people; and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'” (Zechariah 13:9). Do you remember in January's Pastor's Blurb I quoted Zephaniah 1:3 'I will sweep away the idols that cause the wicked to stumble', and I urged all of you to have an idol-free February? Well, everybody who believes in Jesus is part of that 'one third' (the remnant) who will be refined like silver and tested like gold. Chris and I are part of that 'one third', and the Lord, in love, is refining us by severely damaging (through the flood) our rental property in Sunnynook. Praise God that He should love us so much that He refines us by sweeping away our idols. In what way is the Lord, in love, sweeping away your idols?

Your brother, David

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

Prayer for Ourselves and Others

Faithful God, we give all these prayers to you.
Give us the wisdom to leave with you all the things we can do
nothing about and the courage to address the matters you still
want us to attend to. Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

E to matou Matua i te rangi
Our Father, who is in heaven.
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
hallowed be your name,
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga
Your Kingdom come.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
Your will be done.
Ki runga te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
on earth as in heaven.
Homai ki a matou aiane He taro ma matou mo tenei ra.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Murua o matou hara,
Forgive us our trespasses.
Me matou hoki e muru nei I o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whaka-waia;
And lead us not into temptation.
Engari whaka-orangia matou i te kino:
but deliver us from evil.
Nou hoki te Rangatira-tanga,
For thine is the kingdom
Te kaha,
The power
me te kororia,
And the glory
Ake, ake, ake.
Amine

The Story behind the Hymns – [Credit Link](#)
“It Only Takes a Spark (Pass it On)”

Honestly over the past few months, this is my most favourite church song – please have a listen!

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it. you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on. *

If you are a baby boomer, raised in the church, and born in the late 1940s or 1950s, you probably grew up singing Kurt Kaiser's "Pass It On" around a campfire or at youth group meetings.

Kurt Frederic Kaiser (1934-2018) was born in Chicago. He received his musical education from the American Conservatory of Music and Northwestern University (B.M., 1958; M.M., 1959).

In correspondence with the author, Mr. Kaiser provided the background to "Pass It On," one of his most famous songs: "In 1969, Ralph Carmichael and I collaborated on a musical, Tell It Like It Is. It was written to get young people involved in the Church. After reviewing what we had written, we decided there needed to be a closer, a modern 'Just As I Am' [a hymn by Charlotte Elliott written in 1835, and a favourite of Evangelicals for altar calls].

"On a Sunday night I was sitting in our den by the fireplace where there were remnants of a fire, and it occurred to me that it only takes a spark to get a fire going . . . and the rest came very quickly. My wife suggested that I should say something about shouting it from mountain tops, and that ended up in the third verse. It only took about 20 minutes to write the lyrics. Afterwards my wife and I went for a walk, letting the song ruminate in our minds."

This YouTube site offers the opportunity to hear Kurt Kaiser play "Pass It On" in a Joy of Music program hosted by organist Diane Bish. His presentation begins at 4 minutes into the recording. It reflects the artistry of his classical training as well as his improvisational skills.

Following the song, the composer offers a witness to his faith. A second YouTube site presents an informal reflection by the composer at Laity Lodge in the Texas Hill Country.

This song reflects the power of a simple idea set to a singable tune. Such songs take on a life that the composer never considered. Mr. Kaiser notes, "I am always amazed how the Lord can take a little song and use it to reach so many people. It has been sung at countless weddings and funerals, at ordination services, by the Sea of Galilee, in Rhodesia, on the aircraft carrier Enterprise, and lots of camps."

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Sing along with this hymn [here](#)

Kurt playing the guitar – [Link here](#)

Evie Tornquist [It Only Takes A Spark † Pass It On 1976](#)

Lord, guide, strengthen and protect all on or beneath land, sea,
and in the air or beyond.

Be near to all in difficult and dangerous work. All whose skill
benefits others. All who seek to champion the wronged and the
oppressed, the overburdened and the unappreciated, those who
are outcast, degraded or alone.

Let you be their light, your love their love, and your peace their
blessing, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

BLESSING PRAYER

The Lord bless you and keep you.
the Lord make his face to shine upon you.
and be gracious to you.
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you.
and give you peace.

These are the words of Numbers 6:24-26.

Spotlight on the Bible

Before the reading:

In the beginning was the word.

And the Word was with God.

And the Word was God.

Matthew 6:16-18 – Keep a Secret

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites...But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

(Matthew 6:16-18)

No need to tell everybody what you've given up for Lent—if you've given up anything. Keep it in secret. It's a secret between you and God. What could be more powerful than a secret like that?

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*)

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.**

The Preaching Plan for March 2023:

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| 5th March | Kathy Clifford |
| 12th March | Rev David Balchin |
| 19th March | The Eirenas |
| 26th March | Rev David Balchin |

Wellsford Duty Schedule for March Duty Stewards

| 5th March | 12th March | 19th March | 26th March | 2nd April |
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| Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke | Ann Clegg/ Maria Harrison | Eryl Nolan | Jocelyn Daken | Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke |

Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule

| 5th March | 12th March | 19th March | 26th March | 2nd April |
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