

Wellsford
Co-operating
Parish

MAY 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 MAY?

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.

Working Bee: Thanks to all the people who helped with the Working Bee on 13 April.

Women's Fellowship: Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 7th May at 10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.



Shared Lunch: The shared lunch on the **5th May** will be at the Daken's home. You are cordially invited.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home: This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 14th May at 1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 14th May at 4pm**.



Parish Meeting: There will be a meeting of the parish after the service on the **19th May**. Please attend.



Birthdays: If your birthday is in May, 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. We did 17 food parcels in March and April has started busy with 8 food parcels in the first week.



Loaves & Fishes cont. Joe at Wellsford Four Square has helped us again so our parcel contains a couple of basic meals. Thank you Joe. We like to give families a couple of meals to see them over their food crisis. Thanks go to the Rodney Trust that we can continue to support families. Thank you also to Joan Butland and Runa Halfpenny for their support. This is gratefully accepted. Please continue to donate non-perishable items when you are able.

Welcome home Mary good to see you back. Thank you Susan and Lou always supporting me. Yours Irene.

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



BIBLE QUIZ Complete the Cloze sentence: And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant _____; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd` (Ezekiel 34:23).

Possible words include- Moses, Saul, Samuel, David

Loving God,

We give you thanks for the richness and diversity of human life,
For all the people in this land of Aotearoa and for all people in other
lands.

We pray for our neighbours, those who lack the necessities of daily life,
Those who face danger, conflict, or persecution,
Those in recovery or grieving.

We give you thanks that in your love for us you reach out
To heal the sick, befriend the lonely and comfort the sad.

Teach us to love others as you love us,
Teach us your ways of justice,
That violence and oppression may cease and all people
Know the blessings of freedom and peace,
In Christ's name we pray.

AMEN

Our Mission:

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

“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

Credit: <https://factsandtrends.net/2018/06/25/the-unknown-backstories-to-3-well-loved-hymns/>

In 1844 a young Irishman, Joseph Scriven, had completed his college education and returned home to marry his sweetheart. As he was traveling to meet her on the day before the planned wedding, he came upon a horrible scene—his beautiful fiancée tragically lying under the water in a creek bed after falling off her horse.

Later, Scriven moved to Canada and eventually fell in love again, only to experience devastation once more when she became ill and died just weeks before their marriage. For the second time, this humble Christian felt the loss of the woman he loved.

The following year, he wrote a poem to his mother in Ireland that described the deep friendship with Jesus he had cultivated in prayer through the hardships of his life.

The poem was published anonymously at first under the title, “Pray Without Ceasing.” Ten years later, he finally acknowledged this well-loved text had been written by him and his friend, Jesus. In 1868, attorney Charles Converse set the text to a tune and renamed it “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” Ken Osbeck tells the story in his book *101 Hymn Stories*.

Instead of thinking God was punishing him, Scriven cherished God’s friendship through all of this hardship—a friendship he discovered in prayer.

May we learn that our relationship with God will grow the same way—in prayer.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be
discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every
weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer*

Watch and listen to this version
of the hymn – [click here](#)

Or Alan Jackson singing this
hymn live – [click here](#)

Or this – [Click here](#)

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield
thee
Thou wilt find a solace there*

Songwriters: Aretha Franklin

What a Friend We Have in Jesus lyrics
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BIBLE QUIZ Question answer:

And I will set up one shepherd
over them, and he shall feed
them, even my servant **David**;
he shall feed them, and he
shall be their shepherd` (**Ezekiel 34:23**).



Pastor's Blurb May 2019:

When I was able to memorize, I memorized this. I wish I could have written it, but I'll be honest: it came from Charles Spurgeon's pen.

'Communion with Christ is the certain cure for every ill. Whether it be the wormwood of woe, or the cloying surfeit of earthly delight, close fellowship with the Lord Jesus will take bitterness from the one, and satiety from the other. Live near to Jesus, Christian, and it is a matter of secondary importance whether thou livest on the mountain of honour or in the valley of humiliation. Living near to Jesus, thou art covered with the wings of God, and underneath thee are the everlasting arms. Let nothing keep thee from that sacred intercourse which is the choice privilege of a soul wedded to WELL-BELOVED. Be not content with an interview now and again, but seek always to retain His company, for only in His presence is there either comfort or safety. Jesus should not be unto us a friend who calls on us now and then, but one with whom we walk evermore.

Thou hast a difficult road before thee: see, O traveler to heaven, that thou go not without thy guide. Thou hast to pass through the fiery furnace; enter it not unless, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, thou hast the Son of God to be thy companion. Thou hast to storm the Jericho of thine afflictions: attempt not the warfare until, like Joshua, thou hast seen the Captain of the Lord's host, with His sword drawn in His hand. Thou art to meet the Esau of thy many temptations; meet him not until at Jabbok's brook thou hast laid hold of the angel, and prevailed. In every case, in every condition, thou wilt need Jesus, but most of all, when the iron gates of death shall open to thee. Keep thou close to thy soul's Husband, lean thy head upon His bosom, ask to be refreshed with the spiced wine of His pomegranate, and thou shalt be found of Him at the last, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

Seeing thou hast lived with Him, and lived in Him here, thou shalt abide with Him forever.' I'm sorry that it's not my own, but I offer you that treasure from Spurgeon, and remind you of the treasure of Jesus.

**Your brother,
David**

Happy Mother's Day!

A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

~Helen Steiner Rice~

Service Schedule for May 2019

The Preaching Plan:

- May 5th:** Multimedia Service
May 12th: Rev David Balchin
May 19th: Rev Verna Healy (Parish Meeting)
May 26th: Rev David Balchin



Wellsford Duty Schedule for May 2019

Duty Stewards

| <u>May 5th</u> | <u>May 12th</u> | <u>May 19th</u> | <u>May 26th</u> | <u>June 2nd</u> |
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| S and N Duinkeke | W & R MacGillivray | E & L Nolan | Ann Clegg / J Daken | |

Morning Tea

| <u>May 5th</u> | <u>May 12th</u> | <u>May 19th</u> | <u>May 26th</u> | <u>June 2nd</u> |
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