

Wellsford Co-operating Parish MAY 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 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.

Women's Fellowship (Covid allowing): **Tuesday 4th May @ 10:00am Co-op meeting.** **10:30** Inter Church Women's Fellowship at the Co-operating church, 253 Rodney Street, Wellsford. We are changing the way we do Women's Fellowship. Instead of a programme, we will have a topic each month. May's topic will be PENTECOST. Come along and talk on Pentecost - I know you must have some thoughts about Pentecost! - come and share them.

Service at the Heritage Rest Home: **1:30pm Tuesday 4th May (Covid allowing)** at the Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road Wellsford.



Parish Council: **Tuesday 11th May @ 2:00pm** at the Co-operating Church.



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



Shared Lunch: This month's shared lunch will be at the Daken's place, on the 2nd May.



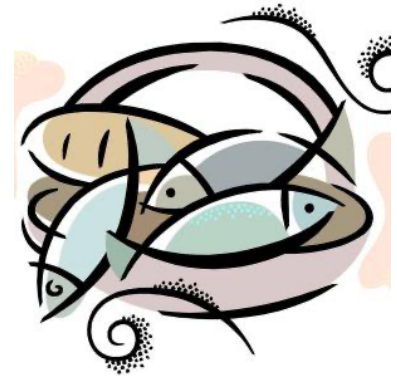
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Loaves and Fishes

The Wellsford Foodbank

The food we distribute is given to over 500 adults and children each week. This number can be overwhelming when food is very low on the shelves. A few families are needing weekly parcels for short periods. We have received donations of food this month from Food Rescue, Kiwi Harvest, Rapid Relief, Mahurangi Community Services. Thank you to all of you for your generous help.



This food will be delivered through Organisations. We are making more contact with homeless people. We have set up processes that will help.

Have a good month and keep donating to the people in the community that need our help.

Cheers Irene and our team.

KYB Know Your Bible

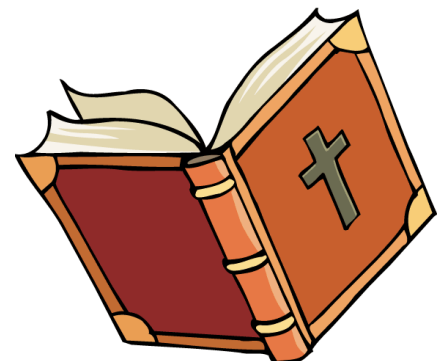
We are a small group of ladies who meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (January we have a break)

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



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The Story Behind the Hymns...

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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.

What a Friend we have in Jesus – with lyrics -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tepn4QbSEvM>

Alan Jackson – What a Friend we have in Jesus – beautiful!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znWu2HCJ92c>

PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2021

16 May 2021

15 August 2021 (AGM)

21 November 2021

PRAYER AT PENTECOST

Enter my heart, O Holy Spirit,
come in blessed mercy and set me free.

Throw open, O Lord, the locked doors of my mind;
cleanse the chambers of my thought for thy dwelling:
light there the fire of thine own holy brightness in new
understandings of truth,

O Holy Spirit, very God, whose presence is liberty,
grant me the perfect freedom to be thy servant
today, tomorrow, evermore.

(Eric Milner-White, 1884-1963)

JOHN WESLEY'S ADVICE

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can

Pastor's Message for May:

Lo, I hear the voice of my Beloved! He speaks to me! Fair weather is smiling upon the face of the earth, and he would not have me spiritually asleep while nature is all around me awaking from her winter's rest. He bids me "Rise up," and well he may; for I have long enough been lying among the pots of worldliness. He is risen, I am risen in him, why then should I cleave unto the dust? From lower loves, desires, pursuits, and aspirations, I would rise towards him. He calls me by the sweet title of "My love," and counts me fair; this is a good argument for my rising. If he has thus exalted me, and thinks me thus comely, how can I linger in the tents of Kedar and find congenial associates among the sons of men? He bids me "Come away." Further and further from everything selfish, grovelling, worldly, sinful, he calls me; yea, from the outwardly religious world which knows him not, and has no sympathy with the mystery of the higher life, he calls me. "Come away" has no harsh sound in it to my ear, for what is there to hold me in this wilderness of vanity and sin? O my Lord, would that I could come away, but I am taken among the thorns, and cannot escape from them as I would. I would, if it were possible, have neither eyes, nor ears, nor heart for sin. Thou callest me to thyself by saying "Come away," and this is a melodious call indeed. To come to thee is to come home from exile, to come to land out of the raging storm, to come to rest after long labour, to come to the goal of my desires and the summit of my wishes. But Lord, how can a stone rise, how can a lump of clay come away from the horrible pit? O raise me, draw me. Thy grace can do it. Send forth thy Holy Spirit to kindle sacred flames of love in my heart, and I will continue to rise until I leave life and time behind me, and indeed come away.

Your brother, David

The Hour of Power Dedication

It's not what I do.
I'm not what I have.
I'm not what people say about me.
I am the beloved of God.
It's who I am.
No one can take it from me.
I don't have to worry.
I don't have to hurry.
I can trust my friend Jesus
and share his love with the world.

Credit: hourofpower.org

Multimedia Content:

Salvation by Faith – John Wesley Sermon -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oObNm8ZCiDI>

John Wesley Best Sermon ever -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lCrZPRC8z8>

Alan Jackson Gospel hymn collection:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxLbO_1OuF0&t=3824s

What is Pentecost?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piBWSmgFaUM>

Derek Prince – audio only – What really happened at

Pentecost? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4AM2MIhWH0>

Service Schedule for May 2021

The Preaching Plan:

2nd May: Multi Media Service

9th May: Re David Balchin

16th May: Rev Verna Healy (Parish Meeting afterwards)

23rd May: Ann Clegg (Wesley Day Service)

30th May: Andrew Balchin

Wellsford Duty Schedule for May- Duty Stewards

<u>2nd May</u>	<u>9th May</u>	<u>16th May</u>	<u>23rd May</u>	<u>30th May</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	Albert & Ria Olivier	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

Morning Tea

<u>2nd May</u>	<u>9th May</u>	<u>16th May</u>	<u>23rd May</u>	<u>30th May</u>
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