

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

**NOVEMBER 2022**

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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 November?***

## **REMAINING PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2022**

20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Parish Council:** The Parish Council Meeting for this month will be on the **13<sup>th</sup> of November**. Time and venue to be confirmed.



**Birthdays:** A very happy birthday to Pauline Lorenzen for the 13<sup>th</sup> of November! If your birthday is also in **November**, a very happy birthday to you!



**Shared Lunch:** The Shared Church Luncheon will be at **Eulene Goddard's home on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November**. All are welcome.

**Food Bank Update:** We are very happy with the new freezer. We now have 3 freezers in constant use. We have purchased a metal trolley with bigger wheels, and this is proving to be fit for purpose. We are working towards our Christmas parcels. Because of the difficulty getting the volume of goods and not being able to store perishables for any length of time we have decided to change our parcel this year to a 'Christmas Treat Box'. This is designed to provide the extra goodies above the normal groceries to help families have a brighter Christmas.

We have distributed 6 donation boxes to local stores with a list of grocery items we would like donated. If people would prefer to give cash donations, they can email [foodbankwellsford@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankwellsford@gmail.com) and we will contact them. Letters have gone to agencies to start sending us their list of referrals.

The last 3 months has seen a slow down in requests as predicted. We are anticipating this to increase again because of the high inflation rate, as mortgages come up for renewal, petrol prices increasing again, and the current higher living costs make stretching the family income more difficult. From 1 July to 30 September, we distributed 210 food parcels plus 100 vegetable parcels. These helped feed 635 Adults and 350 Children. We also distributed 17 Isolation parcels to families isolating with COVID19. We are planning for a busy November and December.

We are always thankful of our volunteers for all the hours they donate every week. We continue to be grateful to the Wellsford Co-Operating Parish for your ongoing support to help the growing number of families in need in our community.

(Karen Lennon)

## PASTOR'S BLURB FOR NOVEMBER 2022

I've just heard a marvellous sermon on Jesus' words, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people put light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.' (Matthew 5:13-16). We have all heard many sermons on 'you are the salt of the earth.... you are the light of the world', but this sermon was somehow different. The preacher gave me a new insight into the phrase 'if the salt loses its saltiness...'. He said that salt loses its saltiness when it succumbs to its environment. Moisture is usually in air surrounding salt; that's why it has to be kept in a watertight dry container. Wet salt is good for nothing. When Christians succumb to their environment, and start to resemble their environment, they have lost their distinctive saltiness. In what way have we, as individual Christians, or the denominations that you know, 'succumbed to the environment'? In other words, the world is always changing. In 2022 certain behaviour is tolerated, or even celebrated, which, for the vast proportion of the centuries of Christendom, would have been thought to sinful even to mention. But now the world practises it. The question is, have you conformed to the patterns of this world? In other words, have you lost your saltiness? If you have not lost your saltiness, you are going to encounter opposition somewhere along the way, just like someone who stops and turns around, and starts walking in the opposite direction which everybody else is walking in. You're going to get more than a few murmurs of complaint and you're going to be told to 'watch where you're going!' But with every murmur you endure, you are blessed, because Jesus said, 'Blessed are you when you are persecuted and have things falsely said about you, because *great* is your reward in heaven.' Daniel was a fiercely salty person. He did not cave into his environment *in the least*. He was told, by imperial edict, that he was forbidden to pray to his God, on pain of being thrown to the hungry lions. Daniel read the royal edict, and he went right on visibly praying regardless. That's salty! And look at the results: the king gave another decree that every single person in his kingdom 'must fear and reverence the God of Daniel'. Now *that's* a witness. Dare to be as salty as Daniel was!

And the preacher gave some memorable points about *light* as well. What is the main feature of light? Well – it's visible. Sometimes when I was young, I was told to go to sleep because my parents had turned off the light, I used to wait till the 'coast was clear', and get my torch, and read under the bedclothes. To this day I don't know whether my torchlight would have been visible to my parents. But this is exactly what Jesus means when He says that light isn't made to be invisible. In the normal course of your week, can you think of anything you do – or more tellingly – say – that marks you out as a follower of Jesus? It is a challenging question for me. How would you answer that?

Let us pray for each other, that we would salty salt, and bright lights.

Love, your brother in Christ, David

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

### **PRAYER**

Creator and renewer of our lives.  
every day your love meets us afresh  
and goes before us into each tomorrow.  
Save us from fevered thoughts and anxious toil,  
so that we may sleep at night and rise each morning  
in quiet confidence,  
doing our work and giving our service  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Story behind the Hymns – [Credit Link](#)**

#### **When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder Hymn History**

This song was first published in 1893 under a collection entitled Songs of the Soul. It is the product of James Milton Black (1856 – 1938).

It draws its inspiration from the Book of Life in the Bible and the absence of a child in Black's Sunday school class when attendance was taken.

He visited this absent child only to discover that she was suffering from pneumonia. After calling the doctor to attend to her, Black went home with a downcast face.

This was before the advent of antibiotics and Black knew that the chances of her recovering were slim. Black searched for a song that talked about a heavenly call but found none.

It was then that he felt impressed to write one himself. That was born this hymn When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.

A few days later Black sang this song at the funeral of this girl and shared with the people the circumstances that led him to compose this song.

It was first published in the hymn book, Songs of The Soul. It is now one of the most popular Christian hymns and has been translated into many languages found in countries all over the world.

The message of the song is that we should all aim to be on the right side when God calls the roll of those to enter heaven.

It is based on 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

Listen to the hymn here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjZfjuOASs&t=50s>

## Spotlight on the Bible

### Before the readings:

In the beginning was the word.

**And the Word was with God**

**And the Word was God.**

Here is a memory verse for each day in November. Credit to the following website for these verses: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/explore-the-bible/november-bible-verses-daily-scriptures-for-the-month.html>

#### **November 1**

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

#### **November 2**

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." ~ Colossians 3:17

#### **November 3**

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" ~ Psalm 107:1

#### **November 4**

"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" ~ Ephesians 5:20

#### **November 5**

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" ~ Psalm 150:6

#### **November 6**

"But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:13

#### **November 7**

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" ~ Psalm 100:4

#### **November 8**

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 4:19

#### **November 9**

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." ~ James 1:17

#### **November 10**

"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." ~ Numbers 6:24-26

**November 11**

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you." ~ Luke 6:38

**November 12**

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

**November 13**

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." ~ 3 John 1:2

**November 14**

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out." ~ Deuteronomy 28:1-6

**November 15**

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice." ~ Philippians 4:4

**November 16**

"Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." ~ Nehemiah 8:10

**November 17**

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." ~ Isaiah 61:10

**November 18**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." ~ Romans 12:12

**November 19**

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." ~ 1 Peter 1:8-9

**November 20**

"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" ~ Psalm 32:11

**November 21**

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

**November 22**

"My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day." ~ Psalm 71:8

### November 23

"O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure." ~ Isaiah 25:1

### November 24

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name." ~ Hebrews 13:15

### November 25

"Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!" ~ Psalm 99:3

### November 26

"With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng." ~ Psalm 109:30

### November 27

"Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting." ~ Psalm 147:1

### November 28

"Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!" ~ Psalm 148:1-3

### November 29

"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." ~ Psalm 69:30

### November 30

"And made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." ~ Revelation 1:6

**MAY YOUR Christmas BE MERRY & Bright & Foodbank Wellsford (Loaves and Fishes) CHRISTMAS TREAT BOX DONATIONS**

Goods received will be used for families in need in the Wellsford and surrounding areas. We work with local organisations to help families have a brighter Christmas.

**PLEASE DROP YOUR GROCERY DONATIONS OFF AT THE FOODBANK ON TUESDAYS BETWEEN 10AM - 11AM at the Wellsford Co-Opening Church, 253 Rodney Street, Wellsford**

**Grocery items we would appreciate are:**

- Tinned beetroot
- Tinned fruit salad
- Xmas tarts
- Boxed chocolates or scorched almonds
- Shortbread biscuits
- Meringues
- Jelly – red and green

You can also arrange cash donations or food drop offs by emailing [foodbankwellsford@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankwellsford@gmail.com)

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE IN NEED PLEASE CONTACT AN ORGANISATION AND SUBMIT THEIR DETAILS

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS**



## The Preaching Plan:

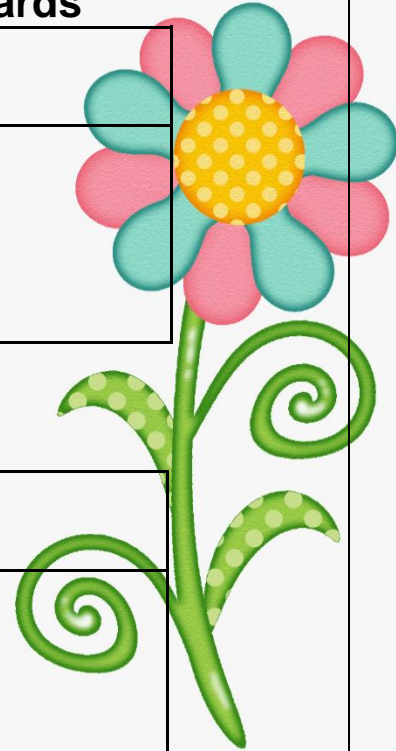
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Multimedia Service (Rheychille Reguyal)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Rev David Balchin
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Rev Verna Healy (Parish Meeting)
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Rev David Balchin

### **Wellsford Duty Schedule for November Duty Stewards**

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	

### **Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule**

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	



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