

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER?

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: Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 5th November at 10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am** at the church.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home: This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 12th November at 1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 12th November at 4pm**.



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



Parish Meeting: There will be a Parish Meeting after church on **24 November. Please attend.**

Shared Lunch: This will be held on the **3rd November** at the home of **David and Chris Balchin**. You are cordially invited.



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



Loaves and Fishes: We continue to be very busy at Loaves and Fishes. *See notice later in this bulletin.*



Carol Service: There will be a Combined Churches' Carol Service to be held on **15 December at the Wellsford Community Centre**, 1 Matheson Road, Wellsford.

Pastor's Blurb November 2019:

Dear people, how are you? I always love the beginning to John's third epistle: "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." (3 John 2). Indeed, so much do I enjoy the beginning to John's third epistle, that I often start my letters by plagiarizing it (not really plagiarizing: I usually give the reference). But my question was genuine. How *are* you getting along? If you are getting along as well as I hope – in other words, if you are enjoying the life of Christ in you, and are being vitalized by serving Him all day long – you should be aware of the warfare that we're involved in. You should be aware of what John says in his first epistle: 'The whole world lies in the grasp of the evil one (1 John 5:19). I was taken with something that I read in the latest Reformed journal: 'Modern humanity in the West rebels against the sovereignty of God in His creation of reality, and creates (as best they can) a new and different reality for humanity with all the implications of this new reality for the fundamental institutions of marriage and family. Man determines reality for himself. This sovereign determination of his or her sex by humans themselves ignores the will of God as revealed both in nature and in Scripture and bases itself on feeling. And later I read this: The writer was quoting a prominent philosopher: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life". And then the writer of the Reformed journal says: 'A high priest of old Baal could not have rejected the sovereignty of the God of Israel more clearly and defiantly.'

The allusion to Baal was very apt. Christians these days find themselves in the position of Elijah. May we pray that we will have the courage, the obedience and the zeal of Elijah as we witness to the real God, the God who answer by fire.

Your brother,
David

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

Featured Story behind the Hymn: Thine be the Glory

Edmond L. Budry wrote "A Toi la Gloire," "Thine Be the Glory," in 1884, reportedly after the death of his first wife, Marie de Vayenborg. It was first published in *Chants Evangeliques* in Lausanne, Switzerland, 1885. It was translated into English in 1925 by [Richard B. Hoyle](#), and appeared in *Cantate Domino Hymnal*, 1925, the hymnal of the World Student Christian Federation.

It is possible that an Advent hymn by Friedrich-Heinrich Ranke (1798-1876), using the same tune by [Handel](#), and published in *Evangelisches Gesangbuch fur Elsass-Lothringern*, could have been the basis for "Thine Be the Glory."

Lyrics to this hymn are on page 5

Listen to this [hymn here](#), or [another version here](#), or this [version](#). Download this copy of the bulletin on our [church website](#)

BIBLE QUESTION: What great feast of Mary's do we celebrate on December 8?



Fay Giles - 15 February 1927- 3 October 2019-R.I.P

After a long and interesting life, Fay died peacefully at the Heritage Rest Home, Wellsford on Thursday 3 October 2019.

Fay had been a member of the Co-operating Church and was an energetic and intelligent participant in the Church Service held at the Heritage once a month.

Fay's funeral was held at the Port Albert Church. She is buried in her family's plot in the Hokianga.

Thine Be the Glory

Paul Leddington Wright, Saint Michael's Singers

Thine be the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory,
Risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness,
Hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory,
Risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.
No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.

Thine is the glory,
Risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.

Bible Quiz Question Answer: BIBLE

QUESTION: What great feast of Mary's do we celebrate on December 8?

Answer: *Immaculate Conception*



Prayer

O Great Spirit,

Whose breath gives life to the world,
And whose voice is heard in the soft breeze:

We need your strength and wisdom.
Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes
Ever to behold the red and purple sunset.
Make us wise so that we may understand
What you have taught us.

Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden
In every leaf and rock.

Make us always ready to come to you
With clean hands and steady eyes,
So when life fades, like the fading sunset,
Our spirits may come to you without shame.

Amen

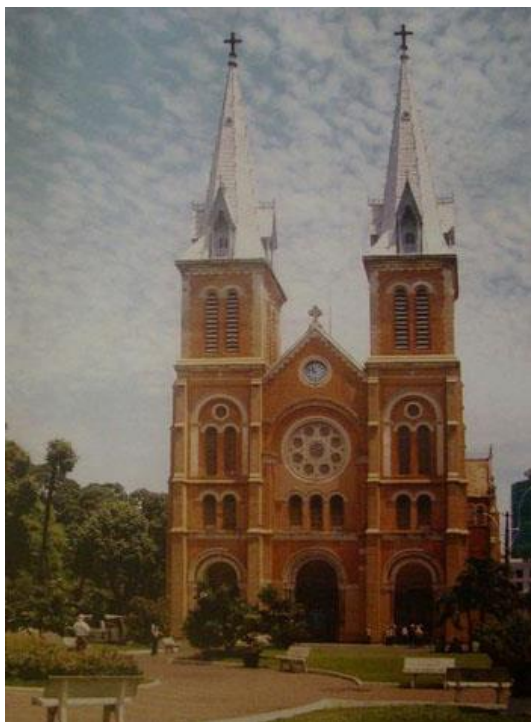
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A Bible Verse about 'Adventure':

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalm 16:11

Churches in Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam- Last month I visited this densely populated city for 8 days. I had a great time and really enjoyed touring and exploring the cultural side. Did you know that the city alone is home to over 7 million motorbikes? A highlight was visiting the Mekong delta and the famous Chu Chi tunnels. I have produced two videos on my trip, you can [view one version here](#), and [part 2 here](#). Here are some of the churches I saw as well, *Regards Mark Lorenzen*



Note: Click on each of these three images to visit the pictured church websites



Left- one of the Mekong canals – one of hundreds that contribute to the vast Mekong delta.

Service Schedule for November 2019

The Preaching Plan:

November 3rd: Multimedia Service

November 10th: Rev David Balchin (communion)

November 17th: Joint Service with the CBC at the
Co-operating Church- Kris Baines (pastor of CBC)

November 24th: Rev Verna Healy (Parish Meeting)



Wellsford Duty Schedule for October 2019- Duty Stewards

| Nov. 3rd | Nov. 10th | Nov. 17th | Nov. 24th | Dec. 1st |
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| S and N Duinkeke | W & R MacGillivray | E Nolan | Ann Clegg / J Daken | S and N Duinkeke |

Morning Tea

| Nov. 3rd | Nov. 10th | Nov. 17th | Nov. 24th | Dec. 1st |
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