

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

**OCTOBER 2022**

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**Remembering Queen  
Elizabeth II – 1926 – 2022**

**Church Centre,  
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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 October?

**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.

## REMAINING PARISH MEETINGS FOR 2022

20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Parish Council:** The Parish Council Meeting for this month will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. Time and venue to be confirmed.



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



**AGM-** Report from the AGM on 21 August 2022.

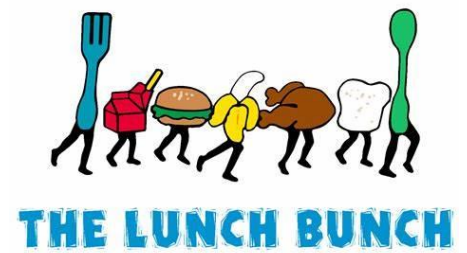
Willis McGillivray stepped down as Treasurer.

Eulene Goddard has become our new Treasurer. Irene Rockell has moved to Whangarei and has resigned from being the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank Co-ordinator.

There was a vote on the extension of Rev David Balchin's tenure.

Reverend David's tenure is now extended until 31 December 2023.

**Shared Lunch:** The Shared Church Luncheon will be at the Eryl's home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of **October**. All are welcome.



**Franklin Graham – son of Billy Graham –**

**God Loves You tour** – this looks good. Join Franklin Graham

as he shares a personal message of hope and enjoy an exciting evening of live music. This is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November this year. This event is **free of charge**. Bring your friends and family! More details at this link.

<https://godlovesyoutour.nz/event/auckland/>



## PASTOR'S BLURB FOR OCTOBER 2022

Dear friends, Chris and I have been reading Revelation in the evening, and a superb commentary on the book by Richard Phillips. I thought I would share a few points made by Phillips on one of the verses in Revelation: Revelation 14:13 '“Yes”, said the Spirit, “for they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them.”' Phillips makes the point that our sins and trials and temptations will be left behind (when we get to heaven), but our faithfulness and good deeds will follow us a crown. Phillips goes on to remind us that we are not saved by works: 'You are saved... not as a result of work, so that no one may boast' (Ephesians 2:8-9). But the Bible does teach that Christians will receive a *reward* for good deeds performed in gratitude and in obedience to God's Word. 'Our works earn not the reward *of* eternal life, but rather rewards *in* eternal life.' Jesus tells us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven (Mathew 6:20). Jesus also says, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master' (Mathew 25:21). Phillips points out that our deeds *follow* us; they do not *precede* us. Our deeds don't go before us, opening a way into heaven, because Christ is our 'forerunner' (Hebrews 6:20). Therefore believers ought not to make much of their own good works or spiritual attainments; they ought, instead, to make much of *Christ*, and what He has done for us. That is why Paul, for all his attainments, said, 'Far be it for me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Galatians 6:14).

Having said that, we don't want to make the opposite mistake of thinking too little of our works, comparing them to much publicized accomplishments and exploit of great preachers or famous missionaries. The doubtful believer may wonder if he or she has done anything worthy of Christ's praise. But in Revelation, Jesus mentions not the great and famous Christian achievements, but the daily acts of faith and love that matter most and please Him the best. Phillips give a lovely illustration: 'Think how a loving earthly father posts his children's artwork on his office wall and adorns his bookcases with pictures of their achievements. In most cases the art is not very good or the achievements very great, yet they are precious to the father's heart because of love for his children. This reflects the heart of God towards His children in Christ. Everything that we have ever done with a sincere desire to honour, thank and glorify our Lord will follow after us as a blessing in heaven.'

Be encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Love, your brother in Christ, David

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

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

#### **Will Your Anchor Hold Lyrics**

**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.**

The author of this hymn, "Will Your Anchor Hold", is [Priscilla Owens](#). She was born in Baltimore, USA in 1829 of Scottish and Welsh blood. For over 50 years Priscilla Owens was actively involved in work for Christian youths and most of her songs were therefore composed for children.

Besides this hymn she is also well known as the composer of another beloved Christian hymn, "We have heard a joyful sound". She also composed several other hymns during her fruitful life on earth.

"Will Your Anchor Hold" was sung outside the door of the dying hymn-writer Mary Fawler Maude (Thine for Ever! God of love). She sent her singers the message, "Tell them that it does not fail – it holds." Sing along by clicking here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQQO8v-0VBo&t=5s>

**It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,  
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;  
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,  
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.**

**It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers have told the reef is near;  
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.**

**It will surely hold in the floods of death,  
When the waters cold chill our latest breath;  
On the rising tide it can never fail,  
While our hopes abide within the veil.**



## Call to Worship

We have been called to face into God's gracious way of living.  
We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

**Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be.**

**Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.**

But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us.

It is a day to put aside fear, to leave doubting behind,

And to take courage in God's loving call.

**We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem Road.**

**We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity.**

**And we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.**

*Sandra E Graham in 'Tough Holiness'*

## 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**

## **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.**

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## DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On 9 September 2022 (NZ time) Queen Elizabeth II died peacefully at Balmoral Castle. Queen Elizabeth II was a steadfastly Christian monarch who regularly attended church and who dedicated her life to service to the people of the UK and the Commonwealth.

She was an example of truly religious service and dedication to duty. She will be sorely missed.

*"A Nation's Mother has died, The Head of a Worldwide Family departed,  
We are saddened and feel weakened,  
A guiding light has been extinguished.  
The light burned brightly for so long,  
As her father before her  
She placed her hand in God's. This  
trust being better than any other way.  
That smiling face will remain. In our  
mind's eye always,  
That humour will stay with us, Her joy  
of life so evident.*



*Safe journey to the heavens. Good person now departed,  
An important life ended, Elizabeth the Great has gone.....  
'Long Live the King!'"*

*Credit: Mr Jenkins*

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Lord,  
isn't your creation wasteful?  
Fruits never equal  
the seedling's abundance.  
Springs scatter water.  
The sun gives out  
enormous light.  
May your bounty teach me  
greatness of heart.  
May your magnificence  
stop me being mean.  
Seeing you, a prodigal  
and open-handed giver,  
let me give unstintingly ...  
like God's own.

*(Dom Helder Camara, Brazil)*

## Spotlight on the Bible

### Before the reading:

In the beginning was the word.

**And the Word was with God**

**And the Word was God.**

### **Luke 13: 10-17 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath**

[10](#) One Sabbath Jesus was teaching in a synagogue.

[11](#) A woman there had an evil spirit that had kept her sick for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

[12](#) When Jesus saw her, he called out to her, "Woman, you are free from your sickness!"

[13](#) He placed his hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God.

[14](#) The official of the synagogue was angry that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, so he spoke up and said to the people, "There are six days in which we should work; so come during those days and be healed, but not on the Sabbath!"

[15](#) The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Any one of you would untie your ox or your donkey from the stall and take it out to give it water on the Sabbath.

[16](#) Now here is this descendant of Abraham whom Satan has kept in bonds for eighteen years; should she not be released on the Sabbath?"

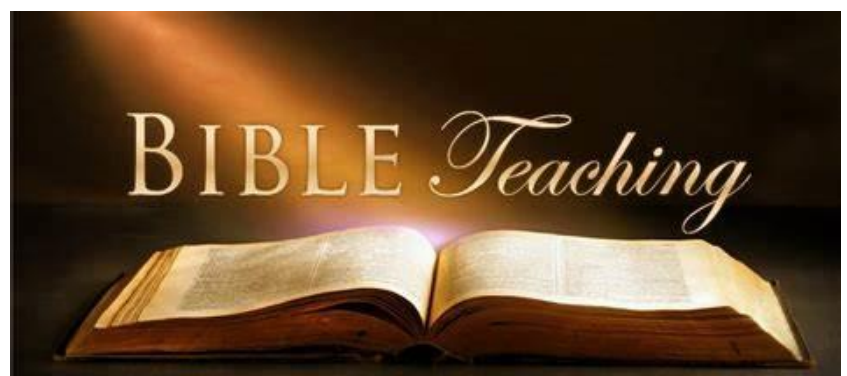
[17](#) His answer made his enemies ashamed of themselves, while the people rejoiced over all the wonderful things that he did.

***Good News Version***

### 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 Preaching Plan:

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Multimedia (Rheychille Reguyal)
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev David Balchin
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Margaret Bishop
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Andrew Balchin
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev David Balchin

### **Wellsford Duty Schedule for October Duty Stewards**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke

### **Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke

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