

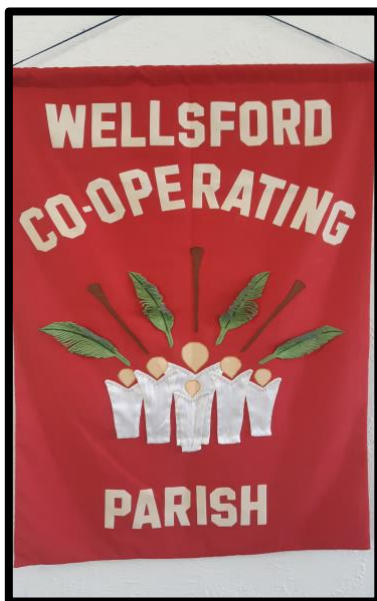
# ***Wellsford Co-operating Parish***

## **OCTOBER 2020**

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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 OCTOBER?

**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:** This will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00 am at the Co-operating Church. 10:30am for the Inter Church Women's Fellowship.

**Service at the Heritage Rest Home:** Heritage Rest Home 1 Olympus Road Wellsford will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm.



**Parish Council:** The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm at the Co-Op church centre.



**Birthdays:** Joan Butland had a birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. If your birthday is also in October, a very happy birthday to you!



**A.G.M.:** This will be after the service on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Shared Lunch:** This will be held at the Daken's home on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. All are most welcome.

**Loaves and Fishes:** I am a newbie to helping out at the Foodbank, of which I am enjoying being a part of it. From the first time of being there I've been amazed at the amount of fruit and veggies that come in each time I help out (every two weeks). Some weeks there's more variety than others, you just have to work with what you get given. All of it is donated which is very kind & generous of those who do this. Foodbank continues to be very busy putting together Food parcels & fruit & vegetable packs. Thank you to all who have helped out or donated in the months of July & August.  
Jocelyn.



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

**Pastor's Message for October:** Dear saints, I want to bless you today with a plagiarism. It's Sunday afternoon, the 13<sup>th</sup> September, and we are off to Waipukurau tomorrow morning early, and I have just remembered that I was supposed to get the Pastor's Blurb all ready to have available for the 20<sup>th</sup> September. So I hope you don't mind if, rather than coming up with something from me, I just reproduce something that Charles Spurgeon said about spring. I will put it in quotes:

"This month of April (it is springtime in April in England, of course – David) is said to derive its name from the Latin verb aperio, which signifies to open, because all the buds and blossoms are now opening, and we have arrived at the gates of the flowery year.

Reader, if you are yet unsaved, may your heart, in accord with the universal awakening of nature, be opened to receive the Lord. Every blossoming flower warns you that it is time to seek the Lord; be not out of tune with nature, but let your heart bud and bloom with holy desires. Do you tell me that the warm blood of youth leaps in your vein? Then, I entreat you, give your vigour to the Lord. It was my unspeakable happiness to be called in early youth, and I could fain praise the Lord every day for it. Salvation is priceless, let it come when it may, but oh! an early salvation has a double value in it. Young men and maidens, since you may perish ere you reach your prime, "It is time to seek the Lord." Ye who feel the first signs of decay, quicken your pace: that hollow cough, that hectic flush, are warnings which you must not trifle with; with you it is indeed time to seek the Lord. Did I observe a little grey mingled with your once luxurious tresses? Years are stealing on apace, and death is drawing nearer by hasty marches, let each return of spring arouse you to set your in order. Dear reader, if you are advanced in life, let me entreat and implore you to delay no longer. There is a day of grace for you now – be thankful for that, but it is a limited season and grows shorter every time that clock ticks. Here, in this silent chamber, on this first night of another month, I speak to you as best I can by paper and ink, and from in most soul, as God's servant, I lay before you this warning, "It is time to seek the Lord. "Slight not that work, it may be your last call from destruction, the final syllable from the lip of grace. "That is the great Charles Spurgeon, writing in the nineteenth century, but his words are evergreen.

The Balchin family gives you our love. Happy springtime.

Your brother, David

## Service Schedule for October 2020

### The Preaching Plan:

**4<sup>th</sup> October:** Rev.Verna Healey (A.G.M)

**11<sup>th</sup> October:** Rev. David Balchin

(The Wellsford Co-operating parish will attend the Community Bible Church and David Balchin will be preaching)

**18<sup>th</sup> October:** Multimedia Service

**25<sup>th</sup> October:** Rev. David Balchin

### Wellsford Duty Schedule for September- Duty Stewards

<u>4<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>18<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>25<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Nov.</u>
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	Albert & Ria Olivier	Ann Clegg / J Daken	Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke

### Morning Tea

<u>4<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>18<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>25<sup>th</sup> Oct.</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Nov.</u>
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