

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

OCTOBER 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 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: Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 1st October 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 8th October at 1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 8th October at 4pm**.



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



Shared Lunch: This will be held on the **6th October** at the home of **David and Chris Balchin**. The address is 16F Wellsford Valley Road, Wellsford. You are cordially invited.



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



COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

The Combined Church Service for October will be at **7:00pm on 27 October at All Saints Anglican Church, 17 Port Albert Road Wellsford**.

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



Pastor's Blurb October 2019:

I want to give you hope this month. I want, first, to remind you of Jesus' love for you. And then I want to stress that His love for you is totally consistent and compatible with your having a hard time. I write this because so often I myself am tempted to think that, because I'm having a hard time, God must be wanting to punish me, or has forgotten me. And the results of this sort of thinking is that I even lose the impulse to pray. So, here we go: Jesus loves you, and wants (and if Jesus wants something, it's going to happen!) you to be in heaven with Him. Before the universe was even created, His thoughts rolled onward to the time when his elect would be born into the world. He saw them – saw his children – in the mirror of his foreknowledge. He saw you. 'When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be' (Psalm 139:16). That's why Hebrews says, 'For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross'. His joy was the anticipation of having you with Him in heaven. That's why He said, 'Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am.' (John 17:24). Now, don't lose sight of God's love for you, but turn with me to Lamentations 3:3: 'He has turned His hand against me again and again, all day long. He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and He has broken my bones.' But this is Jeremiah writing this! And Jeremiah knows that God loves him! And the proof that he knows this is written a few verses later: 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed. For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.' (Lamentations 3:22,23). You see, God's love for you is not incompatible with His giving you a hard time. Because 'the Lord disciplines those He loves.' (Hebrews 12:6).

Your brother,
David

Special Mention: At the Congregational Meeting on 15 September, the congregation voted to extend our contract with Rev David Balchin until 31 December 2020.

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

Featured Story behind the Hymn: It is well

Built around a series of tragedies in the life of Horatio Spafford, “It is Well with My Soul” was written with a tremendous amount of emotion and profound faith. Horatio, a successful lawyer in 1871 was first struck with misfortune when a great fire demolished all of his real estate investment properties in downtown Chicago. Three years later, while finishing up business, Horatio sent his wife and four daughters off to sea for a family vacation. The ship they were traveling on, the S.S. Ville Du Havre, sunk not long after, killing all four of Spafford’s daughters. Three years later, yet another unfortunate event came about in Horatio’s life. After his wife gave birth to a fifth child, the baby lived to be only four before dying of scarlet fever. These mark only a few of the horrific tragedies that invaded the life of Horatio Spafford. In the late 1800s, it was Phillip P. Bliss who put Horatio’s story into song. Soon after, he first sang the hymn before an assembly of ministers in Chicago. The meaning behind this well-known tune reminds us that amidst the trials, pain, and suffering of life, there is hope. There is hope because God is greater than our problems and has overcome this world. When our faith is tested by tragedy and sorrow, resting in Christ brings a renewed peace, renewed vision, and a deep rest to our soul.

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

BIBLE QUESTION:

How many brothers and sisters did Jesus have?



It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Philip Paul Bliss / Christopher C. C. Stafford

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God of love,
We pray for our communities,
Those with whom we share our daily lives,
Our families and friends;
And all in hardship or distress.
God of love,
Teach us to speak words of encouragement,
Words of gratitude,
And words of forgiveness.
Make us people of love,
That we may be a community marked by understanding
and concern for others.
God, in your mercy we pray.
Amen

Bible Quiz Question Answer: 4 brothers,
James, Joseph/Joses, Judas/Jude,
Simon. Unknown number of sisters, but more
than 1 (Mark 6:3, Matthew 13: 55-56, Mark 3:
31-32).



Generous Lotto Winner Donates to our Parish:

Remember the big Lotto winner in July? The ticket was sold by Karen Lennon of Woody's Winners in Wellsford. The winner has generously donated some of his winnings to the church. At the Congregational Meeting on 15 September, we voted to donate 50% of the money to Loaves and Fishes (the Food bank), 25% to Warkworth/Wellsford Hospice and 25% to Lifewise (used to be called Bible in Schools).

Loaves and Fishes Update:

Loaves and Fishes has been very busy with doing 20 parcels in August.

We continue to need support from the community as we look forward to organising Christmas Parcels.

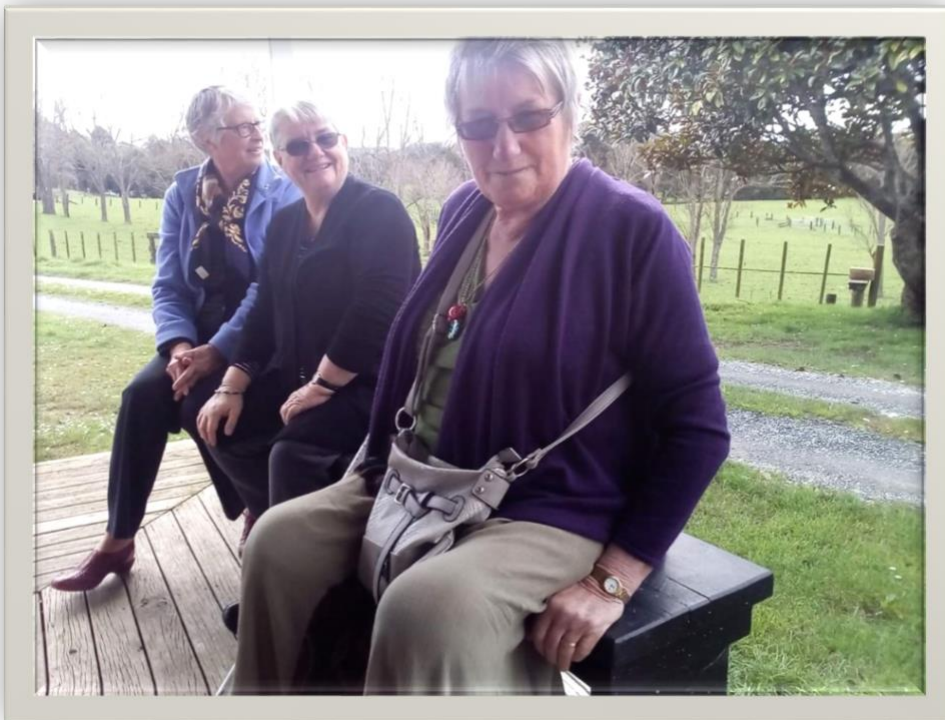
If you wish to donate Christmas goodies, please drop them in the Hospice Box or at the CAB. The CAB opening hours are 10am to 3pm weekdays. The CAB is located at the Community Hall.

I would like to thank Wellsford businesses that give us boxes to use when distributing parcels. With the loss of plastic bags we have had to rethink how we pack our parcels.

We now have two more volunteers to help. I wish to welcome them to our team.

Thank you from Irene, Lou, Susan, Mary, Ed and Lisa

Remembering Lorna Nolan: *This photo came up last month on my Facebook memories- it was taken at Colin Gordon's place 2 years ago. Precious memories, rest in peace dear Lorna. Regards Mark.*



Service Schedule for October 2019

The Preaching Plan:

October 6th: Multimedia Service

October 13th: Rev David Balchin

October 20th: Rev Warwick Hambleton

October 27th: Rev David Balchin



Wellsford Duty Schedule for October 2019- Duty Stewards

<u>Oct. 6th</u>	<u>Oct. 13th</u>	<u>Oct. 20th</u>	<u>Oct. 27th</u>	<u>Nov. 3rd</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	S and N Duinkeke

Morning Tea

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