

Wellsford Co-operating Parish

SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER?

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 3rd September** 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 10th September** at **1.30pm**. Heritage Rest Home, 1 Olympus Road, Wellsford.



Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 10th September** at **4pm**. We welcome Ria Olivier to the Parish Council and look forward to the energy and creativity she will bring. At the AGM (18 August) we farewelled Runa Halfpenny who is stepping down for a well-deserved rest after decades of service to our faith community.



Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting at the church on **15 September**, followed by the shared lunch for September.



Thank you to all who were able to join with the combined churches in Wellsford as we all worshipped the Scriptural Stations of the Cross service at the Catholic Church on **Sunday night 25 August**.

Birthdays: If your birthday is in September, a very happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to Mark in Christchurch – his birthday is on September 3rd.



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.



FEATURED HYMN: Through it all

Credit: <https://austinbhebe.wordpress.com/hymns-directory/our-refuge-and-fortress/through-it-all/>

The opening words to the song, Through it All, written by one of gospel music's most loved songwriters and singers, Andréa Crouch, tell the story of his life. Crouch, whose name is synonymous with gospel music was born on July 1, 1942 in Los Angeles, California.

The words of his well-loved Through it All may sum up his life best of all-both the hardships and the victories. His father, Benjamin Crouch Sr., his mother, Catherine, and his brother, Benjamin Jr., all died within two years of each other. Later he was afflicted with four different kinds of cancer and had congestive heart failure for a year-and-a-half. After having the congestive heart failure, he was hospitalized in the morning, stabilized in the afternoon, and performed a concert one weekend. He also fell and broke a rib during the Christmas season in 2005, but that actually turned out to be a good thing, because it allowed his doctor to determine his calcium was low-which could have been fatal. Through everything, he has kept up his music career and also is the pastor of Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima, California, with his sister, Sandra Crouch, being his assistant.

Andréa Crouch is such a favourite, both as a gospel singer and songwriter that his songs have been sung by Elvis, mainstream churches, those in the hippie movements, and African-American Pentecostal churches.

Online Bulletin Download: You can listen to this hymn and even sing along by clicking [this link](#), or this [version at this link](#). Just download the bulletin from our website and click the [blue](#) links – it's that easy!

Through It All

Andraé Crouch

I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.

But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.

Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.

I've been to lots of places,
I've seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all alone.
But in my lonely hours,
yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His own

Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.

I thank God for the mountains,
and I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through.
For if I'd never had a problem,
I wouldn't know God could solve them,
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Andrae Edward Crouch

Through It All lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group

Pastor's Blurb September 2019:

I used to share a short gospel message in the open air in Waihi (for my sins: I used to regard it as a huge tribulation, and I would approach with great fear and trembling, and be precipitated onto cloud nine when I had finished). About two years ago one of the representatives of the Waihi Street Market told me to stop because she had been having 'negative feedback' from the citizens of Waihi. There was a little bit of a hue and cry from other citizens of Waihi who liked the open air gospel message, and the upshot was that the leaders of the market place organizers and three of our church elders met, and the leaders of the market recognized that it was 'freedom of speech' which was being violated, and said that I would be free to carry on with it. The lady who told me to stop in the first place must have been spoken to, because when I turned up with my sketch-board the next month (in even more fear and trembling) to resume my practice of street-preaching, she approached me and offered to carry my sketch-board to the place where would preach from. So that was a small victory for 'freedom of speech' and the gospel.

But something tells me that if I were back in Waihi, and were continuing to preach in the open air, it would only be a matter of time before I would be asked (or told) to stop again. You may have seen the video on You Tube where a street-preacher was told to stop by police for preaching the gospel in Whangarei about two weeks ago (around the middle of July). Admittedly he had a very different style from me: I would be friendly and interactive, and throw out Crunchie bars to people who gave me the right answer to questions I would ask. The preacher in Whangarei was more like an Old Testament prophet, denouncing the sins of the people and warning them that there was only hope of salvation through Jesus. But the point is, in the old days, in the seventies, we would walk past the 'silly old men with the sandwich boards' preaching the gospel, because, to most of the populace they were merely irrelevant. But nobody would have thought that they should have been *arrested*. But that's what's happening these days. In Scotland, England, Canada (and no doubt other western countries that I don't know of), preaching the gospel in the open air has become a crime. And the nature of the crime? Preaching the gospel is 'hate speech'.

As a pastor I want to draw your attention this disturbing (but not unexpected) impulse in the consensus opinion to view Christianity with increasingly growing hostility. But I want to encourage you to see yourselves as Joshua in the presence of the 'Captain of the Lord's Host', with His sword drawn in His hand. And hear the word spoken by Jesus to the church in Philadelphia, 'I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name' (Revelation 3:8).

Your brother, David

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

World needs more Nanny Everest's. It's written by Morgan Allan.

Launchpad is the new name for Bible in Schools. It replaces the awkward and unfamiliar title, Churches Education Commission. This organisation provides the invaluable service of teaching children in state schools, morals and values in a Christian context and has done so for 140 years.

Training children in moral values can have an impact that lasts a lifetime. One of the greatest but virtually unknown examples of this is found in the life of a single Christian woman whose moral training of the child in her care helped save the world from the greatest threat it has ever known.

The name of this amazing superhero was Miss Elizabeth Ann Everest and, at the age of 42, she became the nanny of Winston Spencer Churchill. Winston's parents mostly abandoned him in favour of their busy social life, leaving him to be raised by his nanny and he loved her dearly.

Nanny Everest was a devout Christian who became Winston's first love and guiding light. She taught Winston to pray, read the Bible and gave him an invaluable foundation of morality and values that would affect countless millions. Nanny Everest was responsible for building the man who would later save the world.

Winston was in several wars, but his biggest test came in May 1940 with the German invasion of France, Holland and Belgium, followed by the British retreat from Dunkirk.

Nanny Everest died when Winston was 20 and just starting his military career. He was the only family member with her when she died or to attend her funeral, which he organised and paid for.

Nanny Everest died having no knowledge of the impact of her godly influence on Winston or the world in its time of greatest need. They say behind every great man is a surprised woman. Perhaps Nanny Everest would have been surprised, but very proud of Winston, far beyond what she could have imagined.

I mention this story to honour those who give years of their time and effort, prayers and devotion to build a strong foundation in the children whose lives will impact our world for good. So let us be inspired by Nanny Everest's example and continue our work, equipping children for their future.

With God's help, this may yet be their finest hour.

NOLAN, Lorna Helen (nee Gittos). Born March 02, 1941. Passed away on July 27, 2019. Beloved wife of Eryl. Mother of Mark and Amber (Jinhua), Nigel and Cherie, Megan and John. Grandmother of Jim, Tom, Kate, Hannah, Amber, and Sharina. The funeral will be held at 1100 on 1 August 2019 at the Wellsford Community Centre, 224 Rodney Street, Wellsford.

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LORNA NOLAN- 2nd March 1941 - 27 July 2019

Lorna was a much loved member of our church family. She was one of those people who had a quiet, gentle strength. She was one of those steadfast, reliable people who are the backbone of their community. She would never draw attention to herself, but whenever help was needed, Lorna would be there.

Lorna had a wide knowledge. With a mother who was so interested in reading, it was no wonder that Lorna and Eryl's daughter Megan became the Librarian at Wellsford Library. Lorna was a great role model.

Lorna was one of the leaders of our church, she served on the Parish Council for decades. Her passing leaves a gap that it will be impossible to fill.

Lorna was able to accomplish what she did because of the quiet, encouraging support of her husband Eryl. They were one of those couples who were a great team. Our hearts go out to Eryl at his loss.

This last year and a half has been a terrible one for the Nolan family.

Lorna had been feeling unwell. Then she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Around the same time, their daughter Megan was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Eryl was a tower of support and strength as his girls battled - but ultimately lost - their fights against cancer.

We miss Lorna. We were privileged to know her.

Service Schedule for September 2019

The Preaching Plan:

September 1st: Multimedia Service

September 8th: Rev David Balchin (Communion)

September 15th: Ann Clegg

September 22nd: Rev David Balchin

September 29th: Rev David Balchin



Wellsford Duty Schedule for September 2019- Duty Stewards

<u>Sept. 1st</u>	<u>Sept. 8th</u>	<u>Sept. 15th</u>	<u>Sept. 22nd</u>	<u>Sept. 29th</u>
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E Nolan	Ann Clegg / J Daken	S and N Duinkeke

Morning Tea

<u>Sept. 1st</u>	<u>Sept. 8th</u>	<u>Sept. 15th</u>	<u>Sept. 22nd</u>	<u>Sept. 29th</u>
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