

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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

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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 September?***

**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 September will be at **1:30pm on Sunday 18 September** at Chris and David Balchin's home.



**Birthdays:** If your birthday is in **September**, a very happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to Mark for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September!



## **IN MEMORIAM**

On Thursday 28 July, Rev Peter Carter died. The funeral was Wednesday, 3 August at 11:00am and the Albany Presbyterian Church. The who were privileged to know Peter and his late wife Olive will know that they were both lovely people. Peter will be sorely missed.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Know Your Bible study has recommenced. It is currently being held outside in a member's garden. If you are interested, please contact Jocelyn Daken 423 7088.

**Shared Lunch:** The Shared Church Luncheon will be at the Balchin's home on the **4th of September**. 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/>



## SPRING PRAYER

Lord of all creation, you speak to us through your creatures, of your beauty, grace, humour, and the loveliness of your form.

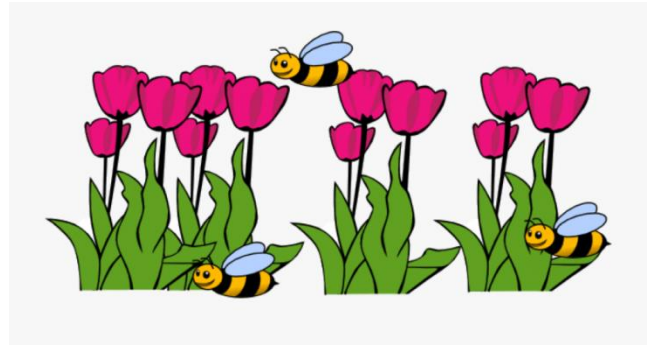
So often, Lord, we take your gifts for granted; so often we are blind; so often we are brutal; so often we try to prove our superiority or make a profit out of your creatures.

In their silence and suffering, you rebuke us, and sometimes by riding on a donkey, you show us their beauty.

Lord, this day, let me not miss the loveliness of flowers, or reject the loveliness of your animals.

For it I do that, I fear I may miss you altogether.

(Subir Biswas, India)



## HOUR OF POWER MULTIMEDIA SPECIAL

### THE HOLY LAND!

**Recently Hour of Power did their weekly broadcasts from Israel. This month we feature the three episodes – Just click on the links below to view the entire episode!**

- 1.** Pastor Bobby brings today's message from Israel, near the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum. He talks about Jesus gathering disciples and asking them to follow Him. Bobby teaches to live with confidence and boldness that God's promises are true in your life and build your life on His word, with today's message: "Follow Him Even unto the Grave!"  
Link: <https://youtu.be/yBOW2xuL-BY>
- 2.** Pastor Bobby brings today's message from Caesarea Philippi in Israel. The Bible says Jesus brought His disciples to the Rock of the Gods. It was here that Jesus wanted to build His church – where people were hurting, struggling, and suffering. Today's message: "Peter Stands Upon the Rock of the Gods." Link: <https://youtu.be/6lvVqMxaqqc>
- 3.** Pastor Bobby brings today's message from the southern steps of the Temple Mount, where the original Jewish temple was. It was here that Jesus would come on the triumphal entry, through the Huldah Gate and kick over the tables of the moneylenders. In this final message recorded in Israel, remember that the temple is a symbol that God loves you and wants to spend time with you. Today's message: "Temple Sermon." Link: <https://youtu.be/eT2m2ITvBLg>

## PASTOR'S BLURB FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Quote: *'The Cannibals! You will be eaten by the Cannibals!'* These words were spoken to dissuade John Paton from witnessing the gospel in the New Hebrides Islands. For most Christians, the violent barbarism of the islanders was sufficient reason not to live among them as missionaries. These were islands that were supposed to belong to Satan forever and where his power was too deeply entrenched to be safely challenged. But Paton could not neglect 'the awful challenge of the unsaved,' and prayed that he 'might be the means of bringing the perishing to the Saviour.' When Paton arrived on the island of Tanna in 1858, he discovered the dangers first-hand. 'The depths of Satan.... were uncovered there before our eyes in the daily lives of the people.' he wrote. Paton's plan was to live among people, earn their trust, learn their language, and bear testimony to the cleansing blood of Christ.

On many occasions when his life was threatened by musket-wielding natives, Paton relied on prayer. A biographer writes: 'He trusted only in the Lord who had placed him there and to whom had been given all power in heaven and earth... He prayed to Christ "either protect me or take me home to His glory" .... Soon Paton was able to speak to them of 'sin and salvation', and he did this unceasingly.'

During twenty-five years on the islands of Tanna and Aniwa, Paton was used by God to convert most of the people and establish strong churches. Once he was back in Scotland for fund-raising, he wrote that 'my soul longed after the holy Sabbaths of Aniwa.' How could any one person succeed against such overwhelming odds and during such satanic danger? An answer is given in Revelation 12:11 which says that Christians such as Paton "have conquered him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death". End quote.

The above quote was taken from a commentary on Revelation by Richard Phillips. I don't know about you, but in my humble opinion, this western society (I see that New Zealand is just the same as Australia, Europe, and America/Canada) is becoming increasingly satanic in its opposition to Christianity. Therefore, we do not have the choice that Paton had, of whether to go to the New Hebrides Islands or not. The satanic world is coming to us. As your brother in the Kingdom of God and patient endurance, the best thing I can do to help all of us is to leave you with the word of life in Revelation 12:11: 'They (you) have conquered him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they (you) did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.'

Your brother, **David**

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## Mark's Travel Reflections- 8 weeks in Europe!

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July I arrived back from 8 weeks away travelling through Europe. I enjoyed my experience but am very pleased to be back home in New Zealand. This is certainly a beautiful country to live in, despite



the amazing sights on offer overseas. I thought I would share with you just a few of my travel memories from the past 8 months.

The image on the left is from Sete, France. Sete is a delightful little village on the Mediterranean.

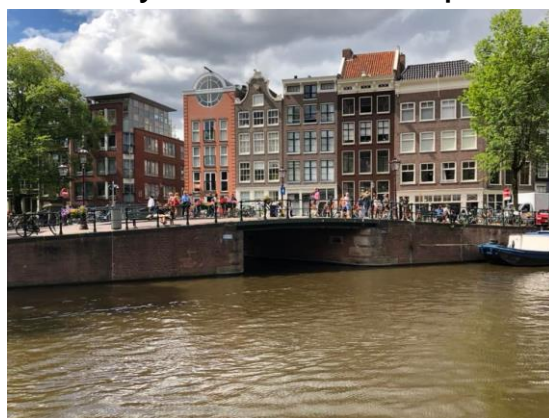


One of the many highlights was visiting Pompeii, the image on the right side. Visiting the canals and city of Amsterdam was another highlight for me. I love historic history. Below is a statue of Ann Frank which I visited along with her house. On my travels I also spent



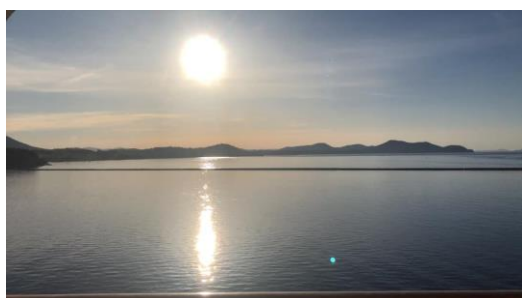
two weeks cruising. Cruising is a wonderful place to see lots of cities in a short space of time. I can thoroughly recommend it. For a reasonable price, everything is included, even your meals! The

Lord was with me throughout, Psalm 91:9-12 "If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm



will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 **For he will command his angels**

**concerning you to guard you in all your ways**; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.



## Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

One of the most famous places of worship I visited during my travels was Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. The place is incredible and a must see highlight for anyone's bucket list of places to visit!

The Sagrada Familia is a one-of-a-kind temple, for its origins, foundation and purpose. Fruit of the work of genius architect Antoni

Gaudi, the project was promoted by the people for the

people. Five generations now have watched the Temple progress in



Barcelona. Today, more than 140 years after the laying of the cornerstone, construction continues on the Basilica.

**Ahead of his time, unique.** A man of faith, observer of nature and genius architect, Antoni Gaudi has become a universal figure in

modern architecture.

His contribution to this discipline broke all the established rules. With never-before-seen building and structural systems, he created his own unique, unprecedented

methodology and a style suffused with symbolism with the utmost care in every detail, showing his love of artisan trades. Credit:

<https://sagradafamilia.org/en/antoni-gaudi>



## The Story behind the Hymns

### **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

In Philadelphia, during the great revival of 1858, over 5000 gathered to hear Rev. Dudley Tyng preach. As people gathered for this noonday prayer meeting, he used this opportunity to plead earnestly for each to “go now, ye that are men, and serve the Lord.” It is said that over a thousand expressed a desire to become a Christian before the end of that meeting.

Just a few days later he left his study for a moment and went out to the barn to check on a mule he had harnessed to a machine that was shelling corn. When he patted the mule on his head, his sleeve caught in the cogs of the wheel and his arm was frightfully torn. His injury led to complications and a painful illness which resulted in his death. As he was dying, his father asked him if he had any message for his fellow ministers in the revival. He replied, “Let us all stand up for Jesus.”

It was these words that inspired Dr George Duffield, Jr. to preach a memorial service for his late friend. He chose as his text Ephesians 6:14 “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.” As a climax to the thought of the sermon he shared a hymn that he had written based on Tyng’s dying words.

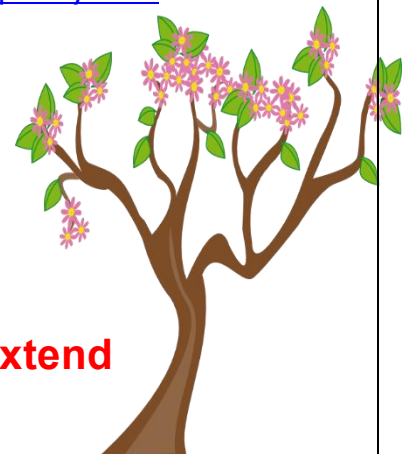
The phrase “Ye that are men now serve Him,” continues to live on today through the text of the popular hymn “Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus.” Let these words echo as our battle cry against those that may oppose the cause of Christ.

George Duffield, Jr. 1818 – 1888, Credit: <https://grace4all.com/stand-up-for-jesus/>

**Listen to this hymn here:**

<https://youtu.be/xUII9PabHPE> or this  
version <https://youtu.be/V8zdkG4i2lc> **Feel  
free to sing along!**

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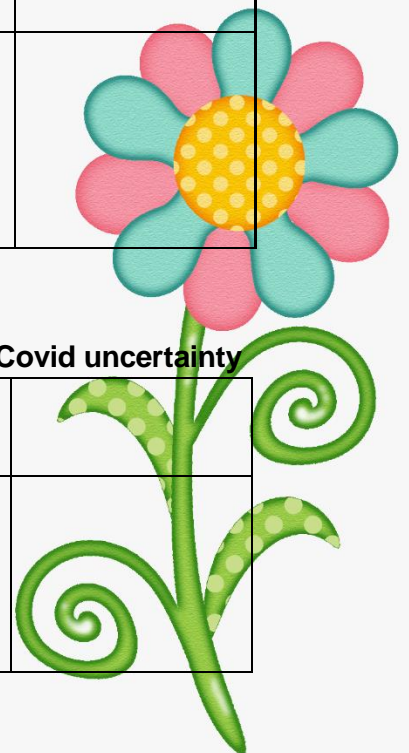
## The Preaching Plan:

4 <sup>th</sup> September-	Multimedia (Rheychille Reguyal)
11 <sup>th</sup> September-	Ann Clegg
18 <sup>th</sup> September-	Reverend David Balchin
25 <sup>th</sup> September-	Reverend David Balchin



### Wellsford Duty Schedule for September Duty Stewards

4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	
Steven & Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	



### Wellsford Morning Tea Schedule – On Hold due to Covid uncertainty

4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	

### Parish Directory

For Ministry, please contact a member of the Parish Council.  
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