

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

**JUNE 2022**

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**Church Centre,  
253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900**

***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 June?***

**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**

21 August (AGM) 2022

20 November 2022

**Service at the Heritage Rest Home:** Under present lockdown levels this will not be happening.

**Parish Council:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 2:00pm. This will be at the Church Centre.



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



**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 for June will be at the Daken's home. All are welcome.

**Bulletin July and August-** Mark Lorenzen is taking two months leave and so if you have any material for these two upcoming bulletins please direct your correspondence to Karen Lennon who will be putting together the bulletin while Mark is away.

## **Our Mission:**

**'Love God, Love Each Other and Extend that Love beyond our Church'**

**Loaves & Fishes:** Loaves and Fishes Food Bank held a thank you morning tea for Irene Rockell on 26th April. Past members Kay Corry and Susan Tomas plus current volunteers were present.

A small gift was given to Irene in appreciation of all the hard work she has done over the past few years and especially with the huge increase in demand with COVID.



Ann Clegg attended the beginning of our committee meeting on Tuesday 3 May. It was lovely to have Ann with us and we were grateful for the opportunity to talk about how the Church and the Foodbank can work together to help our communities in need.

A new Foodbank Executive Committee has been confirmed as follows

Chair: Heather Burnan

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Lennon

Committee: Lou Densham and Irene Rockell.

Food parcel Co-Ordinator is Lee Twiss.

Karen will be the liaison person with the Co-Op Parish going forward. We continue to appreciate the parish support and use of the facilities and power.

A new freezer has been ordered and we are expecting its arrival sometime in May. We will move an old freezer out to the Kitchen where the place has been cleared beside the fridge. The new one will go into the Foodbank room. A locking system will be fixed to the freezer in the kitchen. The extra freezer space is needed to help manage the growing weekly demand we currently have for food parcels. ***Continued over...***

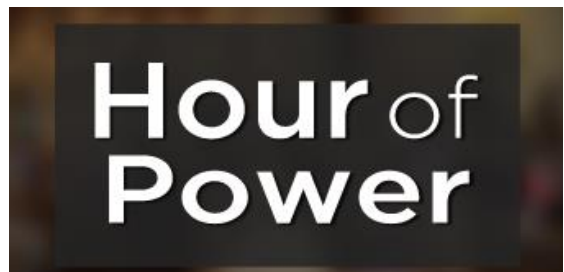
A box will be set up in the Church foyer to receive any food donations from the congregation and others. Lee will clear this regularly. We also have boxes at other churches in Wellsford.

Rat and Mouse traps have been set in the hall, storerooms, and kitchen as we are aware that with the colder weather our little friends will be seeking warmer accommodation. We have also put little lids of ant poison in the kitchen to help eradicate the ants problem.

April was another busy month for food parcels with a total of 118 food parcels and 61 vegetable parcels going out to those in need. 13 of those were for Isolating families. This helped 175 Adults and 212 children.

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**Hour of Power:** Do you find yourself missing a multimedia sermon during the month? Well do not fret! Did you know that all recent and past episodes of Hour of Power can be found on their website? The address is



<https://hourofpower.org/episode/> Check it out and you will soon be hooked! Featured episode!  
<https://hourofpower.org/episode/save-us-lord-no-not-like-that/>

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We pray for all who are hungry, who do not have enough to live with dignity. May they find generosity and inclusion in their local Christian communities. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who live in loneliness or isolation. May they know friendship and community. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those with disabilities and those who feel alone. We pray too for all who are shunned, from whom people turn away. Please help them to be included and to know that they are loved by you and that you have good plans for hope for them. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We also pray for all who have been displaced, who live in exile and in fear of losing everything they have ever known. May they know your peace and strength in their lives.

We pray the prayer Jesus taught us (LORD'S PRAYER)

***(Source: World Day of Prayer 2022)***

## PASTOR'S BLURB FOR JUNE 2022

### **THREE PIECES OF NEWS FROM UKRAINE**

I want to share three pieces of news from Ukraine. The first is a personal physical report about a woman 'on the ground' in Ukraine. It is a brief glimpse of the war's impact on one woman, and it is taken from the Slavic Gospel Association's latest newsletter. The second and third pieces of news concern the spiritual dimension of the war in Ukraine.

The beginning of Lyudmila's story... In the night of February 23rd into February 24th, the Russian-Ukrainian war caught Lyudmila during her daily duty as a nurse in the hospital. Her life, like the lives of many, would go on as usual (she thought). She would go to work until the very last day (she thought). Her colleagues at the hospital, like Lyudmila, did not believe that the war could begin, although before the invasion, there was a lot of tension in the media. The news constantly reported that Russia had amassed many of their troops on the border with Ukraine and could invade our territory. Most Ukrainians did not expect such a deceit from their close neighbours. No one could have imagined that Russia, the 'fraternal people' would attack Ukraine. After all, everyone remembered that during the WWII, Russians and Ukrainians fought together shoulder to shoulder, and now one 'brother' turned on the other brother. Everyone was shocked and paralyzed when they learned about the Russian attack.

Lyudmila said that in Kamianske they did not hear the first explosions that sounded throughout Ukraine. They learned about the bombing of Kharkov at 5 am from the internet. Then Lyudmila and her colleagues found out that other peaceful Ukrainian cities were shelled and bombed. All hospital staff gathered in one place. They were in panic, fear and uncertainty. Everyone was lost, asking one single question: 'What will happen to us and how to live on?' When Lyudmila returned home from work, her family gathered to discuss the next steps. They spent most of their free time monitoring the internet and watched news about Russia, until March the 4th. Lyudmila was going to work and did not want to quit, then her sister Svetlana convinced her that she must go to a safe place, to save the children, as it has been already too dangerous in the neighbouring Dnipro city. Sirens sounded endlessly....

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First spiritual piece of news: Not only does Putin want Ukraine, but the Russian Orthodox leadership want the break-away (Baptist) churches under Russian Orthodox control. The Russian Orthodox leadership are right behind Putin, and if Russia wins, it will make it hard for the 2,300 Baptist churches SGA (Slavic Gospel Society) is involved with, and for all Christian churches and ministries not orthodox. Ukraine is a spiritual battlefield as well.

Second spiritual piece of news: Slavic Gospel Society leaders say that thousands of people are coming to their churches and repenting and converting because of the war.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia that more people will become believers because of the war. Love from your brother,

Regards David

### **Prayer for MATARIKI**

During Matariki, we celebrate our unique place in the world.

Oh God,  
When my words,  
my worrying,  
my planning and hustling,  
my thinking  
shrink my perception of you,  
forgive me.

Lead me outside  
to gaze again  
at all the glory,  
all the wonder,  
all the beauty we see written in the night sky.  
Enlarge my imagination.  
Enlarge my view of you.  
Amen.

(Rev Jemma Allen)

## Story Behind the Song: All Creatures of our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi, who was born in 1181 in what Italy is now, is credited with the lyrics to "All Creatures of Our God and King." The lyrics are adapted from "The Canticle of the Sun" (*Canticum Solis*), a poem he wrote during the last year of his life. Written at a time when he was weak and struggled with periods of temporary blindness, St. Francis wished to express the unity he felt with nature and the feelings of peace he experienced as his earthly life ended.

Nearly 700 years after the death of St. Francis of Assisi, in 1906, music editor Ralph Vaughan Williams published the version of "All Creatures of Our God and King" that we know today. It first appeared in the English hymnal for the Church of England and was later added to the LDS hymnbook. On *Glory! Music of Rejoicing*, an album by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the song "Psalm 148" is included, which uses the same music as "All Creatures of Our God and King" but with different lyrics.

Source: <https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/articles/all-creatures-of-our-god-and-king.html>

[Listen and sing along with this hymn by clicking here!](#)

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain:

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,

***You can find more lyrics to this song online...***

## The Preaching Plan:

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Multimedia
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reverend David Balchin
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Andrew Balchin
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reverend David Balchin

## Wellsford Duty Schedule for June- Duty Stewards

<u>5<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>26<sup>th</sup> June</u>	
Steven and Nelleke Duinkerke	Ann Clegg	Eryl Nolan	Jocelyn Daken	

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

<u>5<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>19<sup>th</sup> June</u>	<u>26<sup>th</sup> June</u>	

## Parish Directory:

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