

Service Schedule for February 2018

The Preaching Plan

February 4th: Rev. Warwick Hambleton

(Communion)

February 11th: Multimedia Sermon

February 18th: Ann Clegg (Lent 1)

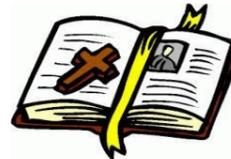
February 25th: Rev. Verna Healy

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Lorna



Wellsford Duty Schedule for February 2018

Duty Stewards

| 04.02 | 11.02 | 18.02 | 25.02 |
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| S and N Duinkeke | W & R MacGillivray | E & L Nolan | Ann Clegg / J Daken |

Morning Tea

| 04.02 | 11.02 | 18.02 | 25.02 |
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| S and N Duinkeke | W & R MacGillivray | E & L Nolan | Ann Clegg/ J Daken |

Parish Directory

Minister: To be appointed

Church Centre Office

253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900

Phone: 09 423 8076

Parish Council

Mrs Runa Halfpenny 423 7281

Mrs Lorna Nolan 431 4965

Mr Mark Lorenzen 423 9040

BIBLE QUIZ

Question: When were the books of the Old Testament first divided into verses (sentences).

Answer: A Jewish rabbi called Nathan divided Hebrew Scriptures into verses in 1448.

Treasurer

Mr Willis MacGillivray 423 8273

Secretary

Ann Clegg, 9 Bellevue Ave, Wellsford
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Wellsford Co-operating Parish



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<http://wellsfordmethodistpresbyterian.weebly.com/>

ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM.

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Church Centre

253 Rodney Street

*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*

For contributions, E-mail the editor Mark at marklorenzen73@gmail.com

What's Up in February?

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.

The passing of one of our past Church members.

It is with great sadness, that in December 2017 a dedicated past member of our Church, Des Bridge passed away.

Des and his late wife Frances had been members of our Church for many years, until they relocated, a number of years ago to Parakai Helensville.

Des was a very faithful member of our Parish, he was very involved in the area of ministry, taking services both at Wellsford and Port Albert, also in the practical activities of the Church, helping with garage sales, donating Ute loads of firewood, also a keen member at working bee's.

He was always one to offer his services where ever they were needed.

Our congregation wish to express their sincere condolences to Des's family.

Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 13th February at 5pm.**

Birthdays: If your birthday is in February, may we wish you a very happy birthday!



This made it so awkward for getting into town, as it took much longer, and the trucks were often breaking down due to the strain on the vehicles.

* Also, being in Bougainville when weddings and funerals are happening back in New Zealand. Missed one wedding and 3 funerals, one of them a 7-year old girl from my church who has been unwell for some time, and this was an expected outcome, even though we were praying for God to perform a miracle. But that is part of the 'cost' of serving God in these places, which I accept, but I still wish they could have happened while I was home!!!

Wesleyan Medicine: While I was in Bougainville this time, our Medicine Team made another trip. They went into some very remote areas in the name of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, ministering to the whole community, and spreading the good name of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. So, the visits of our small team are always very well received, especially as all of these areas NEVER see a doctor at all....

Next trip...I plan to be in Bougainville again by the beginning of February, for what I hope will again be a very worthwhile trip. In the meantime I have lots of work to do preparing for the classes I am to teach...

Please pray... For the students as they are back home. That they will take their learning and begin to put it into their everyday life and ministry.

For John Mark, my principal, as he too is preparing his next subjects. His computer needs fixing, so I have brought it home with me to sort out. Give thanks for his diligence, and support.

For better finances for the Bible College – more students will go part way to sorting this, but the project I have in mind will go further, and not rely on student numbers at all.

For me as I prepare my next classes – that the content will be what is needed to best train our students to become the people God calls them to be. Thank you all for your on-going prayers and support.

Blessings, Kathy

Some news from Kathy Clifford's latest newsletter , following her service on the 21st January...

Hi everyone,

(October 2017)



Here is the usual starting point... I have just been home from Bougainville for a few days now.... True, again! I was sad to leave this time, but when the visa is about to expire, you HAVE to leave, but I spent nearly 8 weeks there, and overall it went really well. I guess if I was to put a percentage on it, I would say I am maybe 85-90% happy with this trip.

Of course there are always little things that challenge us, but here is a small list of those things that really made me happy...

* 4 new students turned up, and while it is better if we have more than this as it helps the financial viability, these 4, and the other 2 who are half-way through their course, applied themselves really well. One of them, a young man drove me crazy (but for a good cause) by always getting another book off the library shelf to look at, and NEVER putting it back in the right place, and sometimes even upside-down, or back to front! I did actually try to tell him to put them on the library desk so I could put them away in the right place, but he didn't seem to connect with that idea.

* This same student was also very poor in his reading skills when he first arrived, but he persevered (and so did we) and by the end of the study block he was so much improved. It was a joy to be part of that growth. I kept coming across him practising his reading, in all sorts of unusual places!!!

* John Mark, our principal, is really making himself at home at the College. He and his wife Grace are involving themselves in the community, and are much loved by all the local people. I get on really well with both of them.

- One of the subjects we were teaching this time was Homiletics – how to preach.

* The roads from town to the College were REALLY bad. The 'mud-holes' in the road were, in places, up to the axles of the trucks, and only skilful driving kept us on the road and not getting stuck.



A new fruit for me – Soursop. On first bite this is a 'bit' tart, but then it grows on you. I love it!!!

Warm Movie Winter Afternoons: To all those interested in enjoying the third Sunday relaxing in Matakana, by watching a movie and being around great company, please let Ann Clegg know. This month's movie afternoon (if something is showing) is scheduled for the **18th February.**



Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship meets **WEDNESDAY 7 February** (please note change of day due to Waitangi Day) at 10:00am, inter church meeting at 10:30am.

Theme: How does our faith influence how we approach a new year? How do we attempt to grow our faith during this year?

March Fellowship Meeting (6 March) will be on the normal TUESDAY.

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

Parish Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish on the **18th February.** Please try to attend if you can.



Shared Lunch:

The shared lunch on the **4th February** will be at the home of **Mark Lorenzen.**



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 13h February at 10.30am.**



LOAVES AND FISHES

We have quiet month in January. The Food Bank issued 76

Christmas Parcels to families in need. I would like to thank the ladies that put the parcels together. They did a great job. We would like to thank the businesses of Wellsford for supporting us. The volunteers at the CAB had food and donations flowing in for the food bank.

Thank you for the organisations that we rely on to put the background work in and that families in need get food and presents at Christmas.

Thank you to Food Rescue for delivering any items we could use. They were appreciated.

Thank you to all who donated either food or money for us to continue to maintain this service. Thank you all

Irene Rockell



Monthly Bible Brain Teaser:

This month's question is who divided the Old Testament chapters into verses? Answer on the back of this bulletin!



A PRAYER...For You this New Year:

*O merciful God, be unto me a strong tower of defense;
give me grace to await your leisure and
patiently bear what you are doing to me;
nothing doubting or mistrusting your goodness
towards me;
for you know what is good for me better than I do.*

Therefore do with me in all things what you will; only arm me, I beseech you, with your arm-pour, that I may stand fast; above all things, taking to me the shield of faith; praying always that I may refer myself wholly to your will, abiding your pleasure and comforting myself in these troubles which it shall please you to send me, seeing such troubles are profitable for me; and I am assuredly persuaded that all you do cannot but be well; and unto you be all honour and glory;

Amen.

Lady Jane Grey (1537-1554)

Lady Jane Grey, great granddaughter of Henry VII, was Queen of England for 9 days in 1553. She was charged with treason and beheaded.

