

Service Schedule for March 2018

The Preaching Plan

March 4th: Rev. Elizabeth Hopner (Communion)

March 11th: Multimedia Sermon

March 18th: Rev. Lester Simpson

March 25th: Ann Clegg

March 30th: Rev Warwick Hambleton

(Good Friday)

April 1st: Rev. Warwick Hambleton

(Easter Sunday)

Minister's Steward:

Mark



04.03	11.03	18.03	25.03	30.03
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Mark Lo- renzen	Ann Clegg/ J Daken

Morning Tea

04.03	11.03	18.03	25.03	30.03
S and N Duinkeke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	Mark Lo- renzen/ Karen Len- non	Ann Clegg/ J Daken/ any volunteers

Parish Directory

For Ministry please contact a member of the Parish Council.

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BIBLE QUIZ

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

Robert Etienne (also called Robert Stephanus) published a Greek New Testament with the books divided into verses in 1551.

Treasurer

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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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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*

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

What's Up in March?

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.

A Note for your diaries– Parish Meeting dates 2018:

18th February,

20th May,

19th August **AGM**,

18th November



Attention Please! What would you like to see featured in our monthly bulletins? Please let the editor know. You can e-mail your suggestions to Mark at ***marklorenzen73@gmail.com***. Looking forward to reading all your great ideas in the coming month!

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(1) *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!*

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(2) *Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,*

morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-

Great is Thy faithfulness, lord, unto me!

(3) *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,*

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(4) *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,*

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



Credit:

http://www.tanbible.com/tol_sng/sng_greatisthyfaithfulness.htm

The Story behind the Hymn,
'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'

While many hymns are born out of a particular dramatic experience, this hymn was simply the result of the author's morning by morning realization of God's personal faithfulness.

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Without the benefit of high school or advanced training, he began his career as a school teacher at the age of sixteen, in the same country schoolhouse where he had received his elementary training.

When he was twenty-one, he became the associate editor of his home town weekly newspaper, *The Franklin Favourite*. Six years later he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour during a revival meeting.

Later Chisholm was ordained to the Methodist ministry but was forced to resign after a brief pastorate because of poor health. Chisholm retired in 1953 and spent his remaining years at the Methodist Home for the Aged, in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

In a letter dated 1941, Mr. Chisholm wrote; "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me until now, although I must not fail to record the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

Credit Source: http://www.tanbible.comtol_sng/0tol_sng_0Menu.htm

THOMAS OBEDIAH CHISHOLM
1866-1960

Exciting Movie Afternoons:

The movie afternoons resume on Sunday February 18th. All are very welcome to come and enjoy a movie over in Matakana. See Ann for more information.



Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 6th March** at 10:00am, followed by the inter church meeting at 10:30am. Welcome to new people who have recently joined us. ***This month's theme is: Why did Jesus die?***



Shared Lunch:

The shared lunch on the **4th March** will be at the home of **Jocelyn and Dennis Daken**.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

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



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



Parish Council:

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

Monthly Bible Brain Teaser:

Question: When were the books of the New Testament divided into verses (sentences)?



What is Lent?

Is it an official Christian holiday? Was it instituted in the Bible? What does it mean to observe Lent, and are Christians “required” to do so?

Lent is the span of time in the church calendar that starts with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Jesus’ 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert, and Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus’ resurrection from the grave after his crucifixion.

Lent, then, is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter. It is commonly observed by many Christian denominations—Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and others—although not every Christian church or denomination does so. Because Lent is not officially instituted in Scripture, observing it isn’t in any way a “requirement” of Christianity. However, Christians from many different theological persuasions choose to observe it as a way of focusing their thoughts on Jesus Christ during the Easter season.

How Do You Observe Lent? It differs from person to person and church to church, but some of the things Christians opt to do to observe Lent include:

Special worship services, or additions to regular worship services, that focus in various ways on man’s need for repentance. This often takes the form of extra Scripture readings and prayer. Our church has a special series focusing on Lent.

Some Christians commit to a special devotional activity during Lent—for example, daily Scripture reading, regular prayer for a specific person or topic throughout Lent, or volunteer work in their community.

The choice to observe Lent is a personal one—the whole point is to focus your heart and mind on Jesus during the journey to Easter. Millions of Christians around the world do observe Lent each year; if you’ve never done so, why not give it a try? Whether you observe Lent in a small or major way, you’ll be amazed at what happens when you devote a part of each day to reflecting on Jesus Christ and God’s Word.

Credit Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2012/02/what-is-lent/>

PRAYER: **Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)**

Bonhoeffer was one of the Christian leaders who struggled against German National Socialism. He was executed by the Gestapo on 9 April 1945. While he was awaiting execution he wrote:

Eternal God,

In Jesus You have shown us how to do the truth.

But we confess that we still substitute words for action; and busyness for reflection.

So often we delude ourselves

into thinking that what we believe

is more important than how we believe.

You ask us to have tough minds and tender hearts;

but too often it is our minds that are tender

and our hearts that are tough.

Help us, O God, to understand

that to respond to the good news

about You and from You

is to act; to be changed; to become a new being.

Help us to hear the words of Jesus

so that you might bring us

into You new kingdom. Amen

Lord, whatever this day may bring,

Thy name be praised.

