

Service Schedule for May 2017

The Preaching Plan

May 7th: Rev. Colin Gordon
(Communion)

May 14th: Multimedia Sermon

May 21st: Rev. Colin Gordon

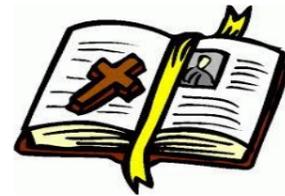
May 28th: Ann Clegg

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Runa Halfpenny



Wellsford Duty Schedule for May 2017

Duty Stewards

07.05	14.05	21.05	28.05	4th June
A Clegg/ J Daken	W & R MacGillivray	S & N Duinkerke	E & L Nolan	A Clegg/ J Daken

Morning Tea

07.05	14.05	21.05	28.05	4th June
Karen Lennon/ Ann Clegg	E & L Nolan	W & R MacGillivray	S & N Duinkerke	J Daken / Ann Clegg

Parish Directory

Minister: Rev. Colin Gordon
Phone: 021-854-066

Church Centre Office

253 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900

Phone: 09 423 8076

Parish Council

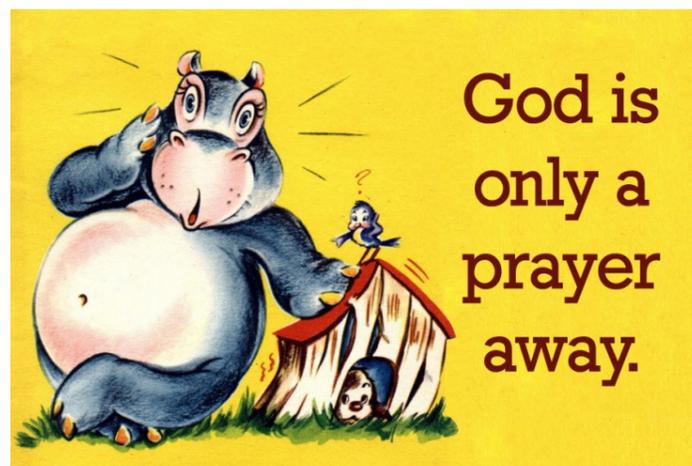
Mrs Runa Halfpenny 423 7281
Mrs Lorna Nolan 431 4965
Mr Steven Duinkerke 431 5735
Mr Mark Lorenzen 423 9040

Treasurer

Mr Willis MacGillivray 423 8273

Secretary

Ann Clegg, 9 Bellevue Ave, Wellsford
iresyn@yahoo.co.nz



*Wellsford
Co-operating
Parish*



May 2017

E-mail us at wellsfordmethodistpresbyterian@gmail.com

View this bulletin and other information on our website:

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

ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM.

Church Office Phone: 09 423 8076

Minister: Rev. Colin Gordon

Church Centre

Phone: 021-854-066

253 Rodney Street

The Monthly Message from the Minister: May 2017

Kia ora. It is Easter weekend Mark is getting in early with the newsletter, thanks Mark our editor and chief. I was almost late with this contribution because driving home the other afternoon a car coming towards me spun out of control coming onto my side of the road, spun 180 degrees which put his car back onto his side of the road so meant going backwards as we passed and then into the drain, going backwards, we were all delivered from near tragedy. So, prior to Easter, recently I watched a movie called Courageous Heart, the story of Irene Sendler, Polish, working covertly extracting children, Jewish children from the Ghetto in Warsaw during WW2. What a woman what a story, very similar to Schindler's List and I guess many other un-told stories. I found it timely to watch prior to Easter as Easter is also timed with, well when Jesus entered Jerusalem on his ass, the colt of a donkey, it was the time of the Passover. The Hebrews, commemorate, I guess it is the right word, the Passover which was the great deliverance from Egypt, Moses, Pharaoh, the Hebrew 'slaves' delivered from the oppressor regime, wonderful story, Hollywood will never do it justice. A 3500yr old story of deliverance, told each year reminding each generation of how they were delivered by the hand of God. There are many reasons why the Passover story is told and enacted with the eating of unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The Hebrew people commemorated the Passover in the Ghetto once again a captive oppressed people under extreme conditions and yet they had time and presence of mind to commemorate the famous event in their history, hoping against hope that their God would deliver them as God had done in the past for which they celebrate this God of deliverance. Once again another generation will know the story, tell the story and be grateful for that deliverance.

My guess is that many of us have experienced some sort of deliverance, some sort of escape from a dire situation. Very minor I know but it was a form of deliverance when I was narrowly missed in what could have been a nasty car accident. Maybe we have a family story of deliverance a tribal story a national story. I have heard first hand many story's over the years, deliverance during conflict in Burundi, Croatia, Afghanistan.

Stories of deliverance from addictive substances and violence. More often than not I have tears as I listen. Most people tell the story because of the deliverance, gratitude for escape, wholeness and a new life, while having deep sadness for those who weren't delivered. Most people tell their families, friends and anyone who needs to listen of this deliverance. They all give thanks to God, the universe, life by whatever means they perceive, they are grateful for a new beginning.

I wonder do you have a story of deliverance? Who have you told? And to whom are you grateful? Love to hear your story sometime, in the meantime, happy story telling.

Colin.

What's Up in May?

Personal:

Please remember to contact the Pastoral Care Team or a member of the Parish Council if you, or others you hear of, are in need of our care.

Women's Fellowship:

The Women's Fellowship meet **Tuesday 2nd May at 10.00am** followed by a combined meeting at **10.30am**. All Welcome.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This will be held on **Tuesday 9th May at 1pm**.



Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 9th May at 5pm**.



Shared Lunch:

This will be held after the service on **Sunday 7th May** at the Church centre. **There will be an opportunity to give a love offering to the Women's Fellowship Special Objective** and learn about where the money is helping.

