

Service Schedule for November 2017

The Preaching Plan

November 5th: Rev. Verna Healy

November 12th: Multimedia service

November 19th: Rev. Verna Healy
(Communion)

November 26th: Ann Clegg/ Runa

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Mark (not 19.11,
5.11)



Wellsford Duty Schedule for November 2017

Duty Stewards

05.11	12.11	19.11	26.11	03.12
K Lennon/ Ann Clegg	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	M Lorenzen	K Lennon/ Ann Clegg

Morning Tea

05.11	12.11	19.11	26.11	03.12
K Lennon/ Ann Clegg	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	M Lorenzen	K Lennon / Ann Clegg

Monthly Brain Teaser Answer:

Stephen Langton (later Archbishop of Canterbury) in about AD 1227 organised the books of the Bible into the chapters by which they are still used today. Stephen Langton played a major role in ensuring King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215.

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

Treasurer

Mr Willis MacGillivray 423 8273

Secretary

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

Wellsford Co-operating Parish



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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

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 November?

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.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 7th November at 10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am**. The subject of the November meeting is **CREATION**. Please bring an item (poem, prayer, picture, etc) to share with the group. Every contribution is welcome and appreciated.



Shared Lunch:

The shared lunch on the **5th November** will be at the home of Willis and Robyn MacGillivray. **A Christmas themed shared lunch in December will also be at this same venue.**



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 14th November at 10.30am**.



Parish Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish after the morning service on the 19th November. Please attend if you are able to.

TAONGA

TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

Trust in God

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you;

All things pass:
God never changes.

Patience achieves
all it strives for.
Those who have God
find they lack nothing,
God alone suffices.

Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

Monthly Bible Brain Teaser:

Who first divided the books of the Bible into chapters? and When?

Answer on the back of this bulletin!



The Hour of Power Dedication

Used in our Multimedia Services

Hour of Power

I'm not what I do,
I'm not what I have;
I'm not what people say about me;
I am the beloved of God.
It's who I am;
No one can take it from me;
I don't have to worry;
I don't have to hurry;
I can trust my friend Jesus and share
his love with the world.



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 **19th November**.



Help Required!

We require volunteers to read the scripture readings in morning services and also to set up communion once a month. We also require people who would like to offer their home as a venue for hosting a shared lunch — a few times a year. If we have a large number of volunteers than each person would only have to host a shared lunch as little as once a year. If you can assist please e-mail Mark at marklorenzen73@gmail.com.



Multimedia Archive: We have a large collection of previous church services that include hymns and a sermon by Bobby. If you are interested in purchasing any of these, please e-mail Mark. Two services can fit on one DVD, cost \$15.00 including postage.



Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 14th November at 5pm**.



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



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



The Monthly Message

November 2017

“The Gospel and Forgiving Others”

The great symbol of Christianity is the cross, and for good reason. The basic message of Christianity is that “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” — and He died for our sins on the cross. Paul called the gospel “the message of the cross” because the cross is so central to Christianity. But the cross symbolizes something else as well: it also pictures the two very important kinds of relationships that Christianity impacts in the life of its followers: the vertical bar of the cross points us towards heaven, indicating that it makes us right with God, and the horizontal arm of the cross reminds us that it also impacts our relationships with other people as well. “God in Christ also has forgiven you.” Everything this verse commands us to do is built upon the foundation of what we talked about last week: the gospel, that “Christ died for our sins” so that we might be forgiven. It says that we are to forgive each other, “just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” Thus the forgiveness which God gives us in Jesus is foundational to our ability to forgive others.

“God in Christ has forgiven you.” Let’s think together for a few moments about what that means: When Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, He did indeed pay for them. All of them. I John 2:2 says, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.” There is no one in the world for whose sins Christ did not die, according to the scriptures. And He died for every single one of our sins. I John 1:9 says “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” As a friend of mine is fond of saying, “All means all”! Jesus paid for all of the sins of every one of us.

It does not matter what the circumstances are; what the sin was; how deeply you were hurt; or how many times it happened. God forgives YOU in those very same circumstances, and that is exactly how He now commands you to forgive. Our goal as Christians is to become like the Lord. Our goal is not to build bigger buildings; our goal is not to get more money; our goal is not to become recognized by the denomination; our goal is to become like Christ. Many of the problems we face in churches are due to the fact that we have set the wrong goals for ourselves. We are to become like Jesus. That is what we are to be all about!

Let us hear the word of God and respond to it today: “Be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” **Read the full text here: Credit: <https://shawnethomas.com/2015/01/20/the-gospel-and-forgiving-others-ephesians-432-sermon/>**

Evening Prayer

Through the tall Norfolk pine
That stands beside the school
The last beams are slanting;
The long shades are cool.



The white shoal of daisies
Has shut the eyes of day.
The thrush lilt his worship
As the clouds fade to grey.

Dear Lord, our gracious Father,
Reach out your healing hand
To pour the grace of heaven
On our poor wounded land.



FAY N. GILES.