



Happy Birthday to Leola Farquhar who celebrated her 101 years of being awesome in April.

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DEATHS: We offer condolences to those who have lost family members recently:

- to the family of **Don Odlum** [d. 13/4], especially to his wife Esther. Don's funeral was held on 20 April.
- To the family of **Hilda Traill** [d.2/6] wife of Don Traill. A private family service will be held, with a memorial service planned for later in the year, once family can come from overseas.

BAPTISMS: On April 10 we were very pleased to welcome **Peppah Jane Frost** and **Minka Rose Frost,** daughters of **Victoria James** and **Arron Frost**, into our church family through baptism.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHARTER:

The editor would love to hear from you if you have a contribution for publication in Charter. If you have something you want to share, or come across an article you think others would find interesting then please let us know.

Email: office@chartwellchurch.org.nz or leave at the church office.

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Minister's Report

"Na ka oho te anahera, ka mea ki nga wahine, 'Kei wehi korua: e matau ana hoki ahau, e rapu ana korua i a Ihu i ripekatia. Kahore ia i konei: kua ara ke, kua pera me tana i mea ai. Haere mai kia kite i te wahi i takoto ai te Ariki.'" Matiu 28:5,6

"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:5,6

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia Alleluia!

Happy Eastertide! How blessed are we to be resurrection people. What a huge responsibility too, as we are called to live a life of transformation of the self and through oneself, others. We celebrate all that God is doing in our lives and in the life of the Parish.

A very special welcome to all who have joined our church family in the recent months. We thank God for you, and we pray you find a home here at Chartwell. We also had the joy of celebrating with Peppah Jane Frost and Minka Rose Frost, their baptism, on Palm Sunday this year (April 10). We pray for God's blessing upon them and their family.

On Good Friday, April 15th our Parish had the blessing of hosting the Combined Churches Good Friday service. The procession of the cross began at Discovery Centre, Fairfield Presbyterian church. We had a meaningful time of worship at our Worship Centre, which was followed by personal reflection in various stations in the church hall, and a labyrinth in the front lawn.

We are so thrilled to be celebrating with Harris Chaney, Sophia Chaney, Becky O'Leary, Laura Bennett, Hayley Bennett, Michelle Bennett, Kelera Luvu, and Te Ao Tane Harrison, their Confirmation this year. Please continue to pray for them and their families. Confirmation Service and Patronal Service will be held on Sunday June the 19th at 9:00 am. The three heads of our partner churches: Deacon Margaret Birtles, Waikato Waiariki Methodist Superintendency Team, Rev. Shona Bettany, Executive Officer, Kaimai Presbytery, and The Most Reverend Philip Richardson, Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki Anglican Diocese, will be joining us on this special

occasion.

We are also celebrating our church becoming part of the Eco Church NZ movement. This is one of our mission priorities to care for God's Creation, our world. A special service will be held to mark this important event. More details to follow.

Rev. Daniel Park has started weekly Prayer gatherings on Mondays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Thank you Daniel, for this timely response to God's call to pray for the church and for the world.

In the past months we have watched with sadness the war in Ukraine, and the millions of people whose lives have been altered tragically through no fault of their own. Their plight continues. We have prayed and we continue to pray for the war to end. Why hasn't the war ended? Why are innocent people still suffering? Where is justice in the elderly being forced to leave the safety and comfort of their own homes to an unknown future? Where is God when a pregnant mother has to hide in an underground bunker to protect her life and the life growing inside her? People from centuries ago have asked these questions through various times in their lives. Often, God doesn't seem to work in a way we would want God to, or in the timeline that we desire. Does that make praying a pointless exercise? I don't believe so.

When we pray, we recognise that God is the author of life and Creator of all. We acknowledge that we cannot fully understand the vastness of God and the ways of God and yet choose to trust in God. Most often our prayers are verbal, occasionally they are silent. This is when we intentionally remain *silent* so we may hear what God is saying to us. In contemplative practise, it is also called the "listening prayer." Sometimes it is easier to keep telling God what's going on rather than just be still in God's presence and to listen.

I have found that there are many voices to wade through before I can be completely still and wait on God. To settle one's mind and body, and find time to pause and listen, is a discipline worth developing. Withdrawing to quiet places to pray, just as Jesus Christ himself did (Mark 1:35; 6:31; Luke 5:16), or simply finding an inner solitude with God. Listening to God in prayer is giving God the due respect to listen to what God has to say to us.

In our discipline of prayer, we also seek God's guidance and courage to translate our prayer into action. Prayer changes us to live in awe of God, to trust in God implicitly, to live with the attitude of gratitude and to hear what God's Holy Spirit is saying to us.

We are looking forward to the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 5th of June. On Pentecost day we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus Christ, as they gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2). We celebrate the power of God's Holy Spirit that has inspired God's faithful followers throughout the centuries and we

continue to recognise the same Holy Spirit at work today in our lives, in our churches and in God's world.

We give thanks to God for Amanda Bowcott's ministry as Children, Youth, and Families Coordinator. In the few months that I have been in the Parish, I have been encouraged to see how many young people and families are blessed through Amanda's commitment to this important ministry, the various expressions of ministry with a far -reaching outreach both within the parish and in the wider community. Thank you, Amanda. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your family.

For God's amazing grace, we give thanks.

For Jesus Christ our Saviour and liberator, we give thanks.

For the work of the Holy Spirit, we give thanks.

For our faith journeys, we give thanks.

May the Holy Spirit continue to breathe afresh on us all. Amen.

Jekheli Kibami Singh



Mainly Music:Fridays in term time9:30-10:45amVIBE Youth Group:Most Thursday nights7-8:30pm

Patronal High Tea:Saturday 18th June2pmConfirmation Service:Sunday 19th June9am

Messy Church: Sunday 26th June 4-5:30pm

Toy Library: Every Tuesday and Saturday morning

Youth Camp: Sat 9-Mon 11 July

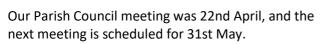
Holiday Club: July 12-15 8:30-4:30 daily

Messy Church:Sunday 24th July4-5:30pmYouth Led Service:Sunday 31st July9:30am

Mark Your Calendars

Parish Council Highlights

2022





COVID 19 requirements still dominate our lives. We are currently still in Orange level with a further announcement expected from the Government at the end of June. We continue with the wearing of masks and, for now, not sharing morning tea after the services until the COVID 19 spiking Omicron case numbers reduce. This will be reviewed at our May meeting.

Parish Review

Children, Youth, and Families Co-ordinator. In early April, the Parish Council received Amanda Bowcott's resignation from her role as the Youth and Families Co-ordinator. She has served in this role since 2013, and has contributed significantly to this important ministry. Our sincere thanks to Amanda for her ministry to the children, young people and families in our parish and the wider community. As a Parish we will have an opportunity to thank Amanda and acknowledge her contribution on 31st July service, which will be her final day in the role.

We will continue the review of our Child, Youth and Families responsibilities and capabilities in conjunction with the new Facilitator once employed. Following Amanda's resignation, in consultation with Amanda and the Youth and Family Team, a job description has been prepared and we are currently advertising a Facilitator's role for Children, Youth & Family. It is on our church website and Facebook page as well as with our parent churches. Applications close on 10th June. The parish review of Children, Youth and Family will continue. We continue to seek opportunities for further funding to support the work of the Facilitator roles on the Ministry Team.

The Executive team are reviewing roles and undertaking a general review in line with Erica's resignation as Chair. Once this is review is done the Parish Review recommendations and response work will be completed.

Strategic Plan Priorities

Through the priorities agreed in our three-year strategic plan:

- Our Church is now part of the Eco Church NZ movement. Sharon Ross Ensor is leading the team who are progressing our commitment to environmental stewardship.
- Solar panel update: Quotes have been received and will be discussed at the May PC meeting. A notice will go out to those who may wish to individually financially support this initiative shortly thereafter.
- As part of building our relationship with Ngāti Wairere the team, led by Anna Casey-Cox, arrived for the wānanga (working bee) at the Aratiatia Marae in the Fairfield College grounds on Saturday 26th March. It was a hugely successful and enjoyable day and thanks to all who partook in various ways.
- The Parish Council are waiting for the presentation of the work being undertaken on the welcome pack.

General Business

COVID 19 Protection Framework Management Plan - the constantly changing requirements of the Government and the Partner Churches means that reviewing and updating will be an ongoing process. We will also monitor our policies and procedures and our Health and Safety Policy for potential changes as required.

On the occasion of the closure of St Clare's Church we accepted the kind offer of the donation of their organ which you may have seen and heard in the worship centre. We are trying to find a home for the current organ.

In June we have our annual Patronal Festival and our bi-annual Confirmation Service which we are combining this year on 19th June. We will decide what the celebration event will be on 18th June at the PC meeting on Tuesday 31st, after which a notice will go out.

Following Erica's resignation as Chair of the Executive team, we would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank her for the hard work setting up and chairing the team. It has been very successful thanks to her efforts and she will continue to support the church in other roles. Warwick will continue as Chair.

We once again thank you all for your ongoing patience and support of the church as we all navigate 2022. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are struggling during these trying times.

Carol Webb, Chair of Parish Council.

The Executive

Just to remind you all that the church Executive Team, in contrast to the Parish Council who are concerned with governance, deal with the management and financial management, such as staffing, facility maintenance, plant and equipment within the church. This arrangement has resulted perforce from the amalgamation of several committees into the oversight Executive Team. Reporting at the Executive Team is the Treasurer: financial management, fundraising team, facility/health and safety team and ICT team. On the financial side, while income from giving is being maintained, income from building rentals has significantly declined during Covid and continues to be well below budgeted levels.

While the day-to-day management of the above portfolios is running smoothly the Executive Team would like to make you aware of some significant concerns it has for the longer term. Financially we are just holding the line, but have limited funds for expanding our reach or developing new areas of outreach. The new development of our membership of Eco Church offers significant opportunities for new ways to interact with the community locally and even nationally and we recommend the membership embrace this as we come to see our responsibilities to environmental sustainability.

Our major concern is the wider issue of stewardship, and not just financially, but in terms of leadership and team building. We have significant gaps in several areas of responsibility and are in need of new people in our teams and on our rosters. We are aware that too much is demanded of too few across most areas of both governance and management. Both Amanda and Erica who have recently resigned, leave huge gaps in our ability to serve our community and we must prayerfully consider how we replace these skills. We, as a church, have an enormous reputation as volunteers in so many ways. What we desperately need are more leaders willing to take on responsibility for identifiable leadership tasks and volunteers to join our teams and rosters.

Please talk with Carol or me if you would like to become more involved.

Warwick Silvester, Executive Chair

PS. Many thanks to Keri who volunteered to be Executive Team secretary; she is doing a fantastic job keeping me in line. Warwick

Finance

- Regular giving of \$14,443 was received in April \$690 less than budgeted, but still \$6,432 above budget year to date.
- Hall hire income for April was \$1,523. This was twice the average received this financial year as we have been affected by Covid restrictions etc, but well short of the \$3,000 per month that was budgeted
- Covid leave support of \$1,559 was received in April because we had several staff members who were required to isolate during late March and early April.
- Total parish income is around \$16,000 ahead of budget Year to date.
- Costs: We have received notification that the assessments from our partner churches will be higher next year than they have been this year. The percentage of the assessment is being increased, while our assessable income is also higher.

Year to date finances (to 30th April)			
	10 mths to Apr 22	Budget	Apr-21
Giving	195,022	163,833	166,029
Fair/sale of donated goods	19,150	18,500	16,169
After School Care	2,228	-	(19,373)
Hall Hire	14,458	30,000	21,264
Grants (excl those incl in Outreach)	12,650	12,500	24,754
Other income (Outreach, Interest)	14,902	17,376	14,449
Total income	258,410	242,209	223,292
Admin	62,953	68,223	60,203
Ministry	114,265	118,935	121,921
Property	29,422	28,838	22,751
Assessments and Missions	19,794	19,454	17,124
Total Expenses	226,434	235,450	221,999
Surplus/(deficit) before depreciation	31,976	6,759	1,293

Eco Church NZ network

Following Parish Council's approval of the proposal that Chartwell Cooperating Church join the Eco Church NZ network, our application has been submitted and approved. Our membership of the network is a statement of our intention to care for God's earth. We look forward to the support, resources and networking that joining Eco Church NZ will bring.

You might have noticed the beautiful Eco Church NZ posters which have been put up on our internal noticeboards in the building announcing that we are members of the network. We look forward to celebrating our membership of the network in due course when Kristel van Houte, the National Director of A Rocha (the umbrella organisation of Eco Church NZ) comes to speak to us at Chartwell.

Of note is that the Presbyterian Church agreed at its Special Assembly at the end of April to become a denominational partner of Eco Church NZ and that the local Anglican Diocese is looking to set up a network of eco-church congregations.

If you would like to know more about Eco Church NZ you can visit the website www.ecochurch.org.nz



MEN'S DINNER - Back for 2022!

It has been a while since we have been able to come together at a Men's Dinner night thanks to Covid and alert level restrictions over the last two years. That all changed in April when we started meeting once again.

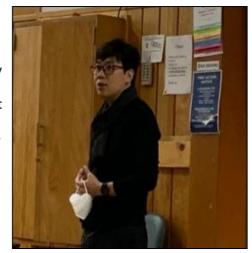
Women tend to be very good at talking quite a lot, and they are definitely more social than us men. This is evident in the four women's groups we have here at Chartwell Church. So I decided that we should start the men's group up once again in 2022. Since the last Charter we have had two such gatherings which have been very successful.



Our first gathering was in April. I decided to provide the meal and so cooked up a large Korean curry. I really enjoy cooking and seeing so many people enjoying my cooking was fabulous. I felt quite proud of myself. Going forward though, we will try

different foods and I am not sure I will be whipping up a curry for 20 people on a regular basis as it was a very big task.

After dinner, we invited Cambodian pastor Kimsa to speak. We got to hear his testimony of how he came to believe in Jesus and how he survived in the Cambodian Killing Fields. It was a great challenge for all of us who heard the testimony that he had grown into a disciple of Jesus Christ through the love of the missionaries who embraced and welcomed him, although he had become a leper.



Our second gathering was about a fortnight ago and was again well attended. We enjoyed a Cambodian curry and were privileged to hear the Principal of East West Theological College in Gordonton, Martin Campbell, speak of his journey in Afghanistan as a missionary.





We have more of these dinners planned for the rest of 2022. The next dinner will be on the 21st July. We hope to hold one every 8 weeks.

If you're someone who enjoys hanging out with the guys, then give some thought to joining us at an upcoming men's dinner night. Men's Dinner is all about guys just being guys, hanging out together and learning who they are in God.

Daniel Park



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PATRONAL FESTIVAL



Saturday 18th June 2pm-4pm

Chartwell Church Hall
Please bring a plate of finger food

Please contact Amanda 0274395132 or the church office to RSVP or for more information





Chartwell Church was pretty busy on Palm Sunday.

We kicked off the day with a lovely combined service that was both fun and festive but also thought-provoking and reflective. We had the opportunity to weave our prayers into a paper palm leaf. It was amazing to see how colourful and individual we could all be, while making a fabulous combined piece of art. The young people assembled all our leaves into two large banners which have since been on display in the Worship Centre. When Jesus entered Jerusalem he was greeted by the people waving palm branches. For us, it is a reminder of us welcoming Jesus into our hearts and of our desire and willingness to be welcoming to all others. In some of our discussions with the youth prior to Easter, they felt that although Easter is associated with hope and forgiveness, the welcoming of Jesus into Jerusalem modelled to us all a behaviour of acceptance and inclusivity which we should strive to follow.



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We were also blessed with a baptism during the Palm Sunday Service. We thank God for the baptism of Peppah Jane Frost and Minka Rose Frost. We celebrate with them, their parents Victoria and Aaron and we pray for God's blessing upon them all.

A huge thanks also to Jill Hilton for making the 200 palm crosses for us this year.

Then in the afternoon Amanda led us in a **Messy Easter** celebration. The kids loved the interactive service and the crafts kept the adults and kids busy. What a range of activities for everyone: painting, food, craft around the central theme of the Easter Story and the creation of Easter boxes. We enjoyed a lovely interactive celebration time using balloons and the adults particularly enjoyed the window painting craft. It was for all ages but the adults seemed to love it the most.





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CHARTWELL CHURCH INVITES YOU TO ...



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Hurrah! Chartwell Selwyn Centre is meeting again. As we negotiated Covid restrictions and considered the safety of our members, we stopped meeting on 24th February, reopening 10 weeks later. During this time, volunteers kept in phone contact with guests. Rev Daniel and I also visited several of the guests. We started with the men who do not keep in touch by phone as easily as women often do. This resulted in a weekly morning hosted by Derek with exercises and a cuppa.

Sadly, over this period, two of our past regular guests have died. Both Brenda Stringer and Anne Sayers had led amazing lives prior to joining our group, and we are thankful they both shared their life stories with us. Coming from such varied backgrounds, our guests and volunteers have very wide ranges of experiences and interests.

While not meeting, we gained some new members with a couple of people making contact through the internet and a couple of new ladies from the church offering to help on the kitchen roster, for which we are grateful.

Our meetings look different with masks and social distancing, but the level of chatter and activity is high. As time goes on, our guests and volunteers age, have increasing health issues and a greater need of support. This has influenced our choice of guest speakers of late. A recent speaker was Gloria from Mother Daughter Services who provides transport and advocacy support, gardening, shopping assistance and packing for shifts. Fran from Save our Space also came, sharing how she declutters, organises, styles and downsizes homes.

For exercise, we have established a routine alternating the Arthritis DVD weekly with the Falls Prevention Programme made last year for us by the Occupational Therapy students. This is working well, maintaining and sometimes increasing movements.



Brenda Stringer



Anne Sayers

With Marina sharing about the arrival of four Afghanistan refugee families, several of our group have been able to help them settle in Hamilton with accommodation, beds, linen and some financial support. Being able to contribute to needs in our community is important.

After meeting weekly for a month with an average attendance of 19 guests, we are now planning the next three months' programme in the hope we can continue to meet regularly.

To provide a new interest during lockdown, five year old Imogen helped me make

"seed bombs". These were made with torn up newspaper, soaked in water and put into a food processor. The water was drained out and packets of mixed flower seeds stirred in. It was then rolled into small balls which were compressed and dried. They were given to our guests and volunteers who have planted them in pots or into their gardens waiting to see what flowers.



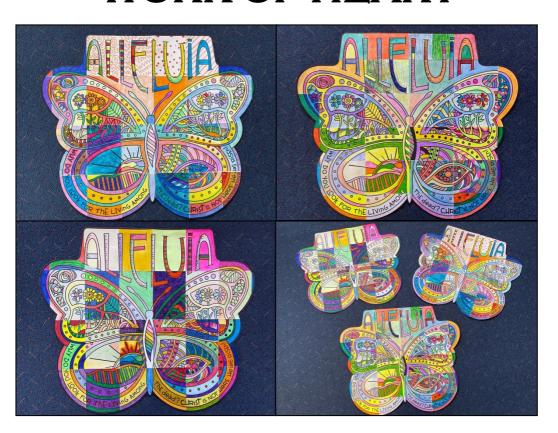
On Wednesday 1st of June, the Waikato

Selwyn Centre co-ordinators and some volunteers met together for training by Julia Williams (physiotherapist) in transferring our guests, checking mobility equipment and how to get up from the floor. Corryn Pryce-Baxter from Bishop's Action Foundation in New Plymouth joined us, meeting several of us for the first time due to COVID restrictions in the past couple of years. With quarterly meetings to share ideas and support each other and some new co-ordinators in the area, the centres are seeing increasing numbers and enthusiasm amongst their guests and volunteers.

Helen McAlpine Chartwell Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator



WORK OF HEART



ALLELUIA!

How wonderful it is to have these bright and colourful works of heart on display in the church foyer. There was so much interest, we had to make more than one! One of theme has been made as a collaboration with our Messy Church families and the other two from our Sunday and Wednesday service attendees. No matter what everyone had on hand; from pencils, paint, felts and crayons, each piece was as individual and unique and special as the person who coloured it. And when we put those pieces together the result, the combination, was gorgeous! Thanks to all those who contributed and to Amanda who was spotted on her office floor putting them together, surrounded by pieces of colouring, a guillotine and tape for quite a few hours!

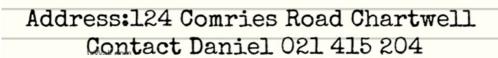
We can't wait for the next piece of collaborative art.

Tuesday night from 7:00-8:30 PM Start date: June 14th 2022

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Free English Class @ Chartwell Cooperating Church

Do you want to improve your English and enjoy good fellowship? Please come and join us



SPECIAL GIFTS



ORGAN

We have been blessed to receive some special gifts following the closure of St Clare's Church in Dinsdale. You may have noticed over the last few weeks beautiful new organ being played by our musicians. The sound is just lovely which puts pressure on us all to match its melody with our voices.

CHALICE and PATEN

The chalice and paten were used on the frontline during the Second World War by a Presbyterian minister who was Chaplin to the forces. He passed this on to Richard Lawrence who is now gifting it to us for our use.

Both of these gifts will be received and dedicated at the Pentecost Service on Sunday 5th June.

Ready Steady Cook



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Youth group has had a lot of fun over the last few weeks with a board games night, a drive in movie night (yes they had their own cars!) and last week they got creative in the kitchen.

A huge thanks to our judges on the night, Bernard and Nicola. It was a real feast and every dish was super tasty. Congratulations to the 2022 winners of this annual event. They have a 100% recycled plastic plate to grace their trophy cabinets with!



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