

Charter

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DEATHS: We offer condolences to those who have lost family members recently and are pleased to have been able to hold celebrations that have had to be delayed. A year after **Peter Hollis** died, on November 5 2022, his family, Andrea, Samuel, Nicola and Emily was able to hold a memorial service to remember and honour him. Last year, at the end of October, only ten people were able to be present at his funeral; **Roger Warren** died on 16 October and the service to celebrate his life was held at Chartwell Church on 26 October. We remember Jenny and their family at this time.

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.

Deadline for next issue: Monday **20th February 2023**

Disclaimer: The articles contained in Charter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Ministers or Chartwell Cooperating Church. We seek to represent as wide a range of views as possible within Charter, to reflect the diversity within our congregation.

From the Editorial Team

Changes to Charter:

Thanks so much for the feedback we receive about each issue—usually positive! Putting together Charter is not a difficult one but it is time consuming. With changes and increasing demands on our time, the current Editorial Team (of Amanda and Alec) is looking to step back and welcome others into the role in 2023.

- It's a one or two person job depending on time availability
- Involves compiling information and typesetting/checking articles
- Coordinating and chasing up contributor's
- Writing one or two articles or finding someone to do so

In the meantime, Charter will be moving from a two monthly Magazine to a quarterly magazine. Please be mindful of deadline dates and if you are involved in contributing to articles please be prompt.

2023 Issue deadline: 20 February, 23 May, 22 August, 21 November

A timely reminder...

Thank you to all those parishioners who are supporting the move to receiving their CHARTER in a digital format. Not only do we reduce our environmental impact by going digital but we also significantly reduce our expenses. Sometimes it is nice to have a hard copy and so that option is still available for only \$10 per year (4 copies). This \$10 helps towards the costs of postage and printing.

The LINKS to all our issues are emailed to you, providing we have your current email address. The links are also available through the website.

If you still wish to receive a printed hard copy of Charter, please pay \$10 to the office before 20th July to ensure you receive your copies for the upcoming year. Payment can be made online, or cash (dropped in or posted in) or give the office a ring to sort out another arrangement.

Thanks for your understanding and support,
the editorial team

MINISTRY REPORT

E te whanau, greetings.

In the Rev Jekheli's absence I have been asked to write something for Charter and share with you a reflection I wrote a few years ago. I have called it – **"The Original Love Story."**



One of the greatest theologians that ever lived, Karl Barth, was asked to be a guest lecturer at the University of Chicago Divinity School. At the end of a captivating closing lecture, the president of the seminary announced that Dr. Barth was not well and quite tired, and though he thought that Dr. Barth would quite like to be open for questions, he shouldn't be expected to handle the strain. Then he said, 'Therefore, I will ask just one question on behalf of all of us.'

He turned to the renowned theologian and asked, 'Of all the theological insights you have ever had, which do you, consider the greatest of them all?'

It was the perfect question for a man who had literally written tens of thousands of pages of some of the most sophisticated theology put into print. The students held their pencils poised ready to take down verbatim the premier insight of the greatest theologian of their time.

Karl Barth closed his tired eyes, and he thought for a minute, and then he half smiled, opened his eyes, and said to the young seminarians, 'The greatest theological insight that I have ever had is this: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'

I submit to you that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest love story ever written!

I thank God that Christmas comes around once each year to remind us that God isn't in the business of keeping books and tallying ledgers, nor is God concerned about our status or position in life. If God were concerned about any of these things, then I submit to you that the Christ of God would never have been born in such disagreeable circumstances.

No. Christmas is the beginning of a classic love story with all the right ingredients: infatuation, pursuit, risk and relationship....

In all relationships of love there has to be a first meeting, a point of connection, a crossing of paths....

I submit to you, that Christmas is this point -

Christmas is a crossing of paths....

Christmas is where we find the Christ of God intersecting with humanity.

If it wasn't for Christmas, we might never have known the intensity of the love that God has for us.

Mary and Joseph, far from home because of imperial rule, a peasant mother giving birth in unsanitary substandard housing. There was no fanfare, no royal delegation. They just laid him in that manger and watched his little face, and they listened for his breathing, just like every new parent does.

Who would have guessed that this crossing of paths, this intersection of the divine and the human, would take place so long ago in a remote, speck of dust village called Bethlehem of Judea?

Who would have guessed that in that time and place One would be born into our world who would one day fill his life with so much of the experience of God, so much with the love of God, that in him thousands upon thousands would be moved to make the incredible claim that they had actually met God in person.

We are approaching the day when God sent out a love letter of cosmic proportions!

And as Jesus grew and went out into the world, so our understanding of just how much God loves us also grew. We find in Jesus that God's love doesn't demand perfection, that forgiveness isn't given away sparingly, but recklessly and indiscriminately, that unconditional really means unconditional, and that God's love is completely and thoroughly inclusive.

Having said this I also know that Christmas is a time of sentiment and memories, and can cause a measure of sorrow to come into focus. We often think about failures we have suffered and loved ones lost.

Christmas is the living promise that we are never ever alone. No matter where we are in life, no matter in what condition we find ourselves, no matter how far we might stray away, or how unfaithful we are, God, the supreme lover, will pursue us in love for eternity.

It's a love that never stops shining.

I give thanks the opportunity to have been available over the past few weeks, and thank especially Mary West who shared her gifts as a lay preacher over this time. Thank you all for your support.

May God bless each of you and those you love this Christmas Season.

Gloria

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A season of waiting and anticipation

Advent 1: Sunday November 26th ~ HOPE

8.00am Holy Communion

9:30am Communion Service

9:30am Insight Service

Advent 2: Sunday December 4th ~ PEACE

8.00am Holy Communion

9:30am Worship Service

9:30am Insight Service

Advent 3: Sunday December 11th ~ JOY

9:30am Christmas Nativity Play

Advent 4: Sunday December 18th ~ LOVE

8.00am Holy Communion

9:30am Worship Service—'Carol our Christmas'

9:30am Insight Service

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24th

4.00pm Family Carols and Craft Service

11:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil

Christmas Day: Sunday December 25th

9.00am Christmas Day Celebration



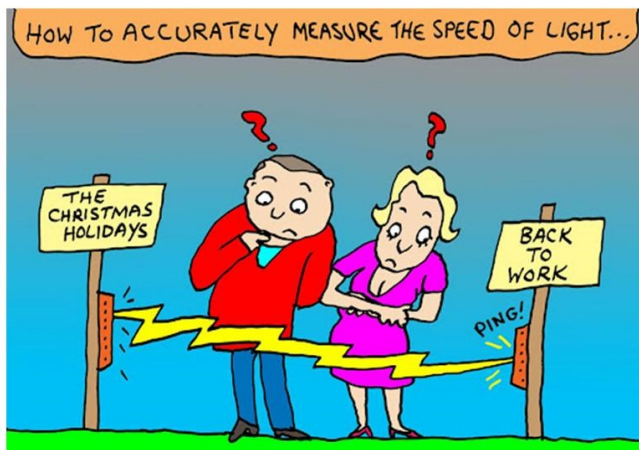
...AND INTO THE NEW YEAR

- The **Wednesday Holy Communion Service** will run until the 21st December and then recommence on the 1st February 2023.
- **Insight Services** will run until the 4th December and recommence on the 8th January 2023.
- **Whole Church Pancake Picnic and BBQ** on Sunday 19th February 2023.
- **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on Wed 22nd February 2023.

Church Office Hours

The office will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and reopens the 18th January 2023.

During this period if help is needed please phone the church office phone number 07 8557434. Rev. Jeheli will be checking the messages everyday and responding as needed.



The Executive Team

It is now almost three years since Chartwell Church took a leap of faith and formed the Executive Team! The purpose of the Team is to manage day-to-day operations so that the Parish Council has space to take care of strategy and governance.

This arrangement seems to be working well. Obviously, Covid forced the Team to be rather more nimble than initially anticipated and adaptation became the norm. After three years, though it is time to check in and make sure that the Team is doing all it could and should. We'll be asking those interesting questions: what is working well; what isn't; what should we stop doing; and what should we start doing? It will be interesting to see what comes out of the conversations that will arise from considering these questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Warwick Silvester and Seddon Polglase for their contributions as founding members of the Team. We wouldn't be where we are today without them. They both brought a wealth of experience, lots of enthusiasm and a sincere desire to see Chartwell Church continue to succeed as the wonderful church we know and love.

I also need to make a request. After Warwick stepped down as the Executive Team Chair earlier this year, I offered to step back into the role until the end of this year. So we need someone who is willing to fill that position for next year. While I was Chair I was also writing grant applications, helping to run the Annual Fair and Book Sale, working on ICT initiatives and preaching regularly at Insight. That is not a sustainable portfolio long-term! So the person we are looking for would be solely responsible for coordinating the Executive Team: manage the agenda, chair the monthly meeting, write the minutes, ensure the necessary documents are delivered to the Parish Council members for their monthly meeting and oversee actions in progress. I estimate that all up the role requires 12 to 15 hours per month. If organising is your thing, please give this opportunity serious consideration.

Finally, I would like to thank Amie and Keri for the amazing work they do, often unseen, to keep Chartwell Church functioning. They take care of a huge number of jobs that make everyone's lives easier.

I wish you all time to contemplate this season of Advent and a summer break filled with family and friends.

Regards, ***Erica***



It was fabulous to be able to have our *normal* Annual Fair this year. While the amount we raised was less than budgeted, it was consistent with the economic constraints so many are facing. We are very grateful that the community came out in force as always to support this enterprise. The Fair is so much more than just a fundraiser – it is a chance for the church community to band together, for us to support the wider community with decent, reasonably-priced goods and an opportunity to interact with the wider community.

We have also received several grants in the last six months from Trust Waikato and from two new funders: the Norah Howell Trust and the Page Trust. It is a testament to the quality of our community programmes that funders such as these are willing to support us.

Regards, **Erica**

CHARTWELL CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A....

Christmas Eve Family Service Carols and Craft

SATURDAY 24th DEC 4-5pm

@ Chartwell Cooperating Church

Join us for a family focussed service
on Christmas Eve.
Fun, crafts and afternoon tea
for all ages



124 Comries Road, Chartwell

Finance Report:

October 2022



- Total parish income is around \$4,000 ahead of budget Year to date, in spite of decreased income from the Fair, as a result of increased giving and hall hire.
 ⇒ Income from giving is around \$7,000 higher than budgeted
 ⇒ Income from Hall hire is around \$1,000 higher than budgeted
 ⇒ The fair and related Trademe sales have returned \$14,590 (after costs) so far, compared to a budget of \$18,500.
- This increased income is important given the budget was for a cash loss this financial year of over \$20,000.

Costs

- Ministry related costs are \$4,600 higher than budget YTD.
- Property costs are \$1,362 higher than budget as the cost of insurance has increased by more than we had planned for.

Year to date finances (to 31st October)

	4 mths to Oct 22	Budget	Oct-21
GIVING	73,955	66,700	56,345
Fair/sale of donated goods	14,590	18,500	3,845
Hall Hire	11,273	10,300	6,191
Grants (excl those Incl In Outreach)	10,333	12,500	1,700
Other Income (Outreach, Interest)	7,198	5,246	7,584
Total Income	117,349	113,246	75,665
Admin	32,410	31,600	25,403
Ministry	63,207	58,603	41,558
Property	17,142	15,780	13,749
Assessments and Missions	8,024	9,024	6,318
Total Expenses	120,783	115,007	87,028
Surplus/(deficit) before depreciation	(3,434)	(1,761)	(11,363)

IN MEMORIAM

A lovely memorial service was held for Peter Hollis on November 5th. A chance for the family to come together with friends, in a lockdown free time, and celebrate Peter's life. Eric Johnston spoke at the funeral and has given permission for his words to be printed in Charter.



Death, they say, is what gets poets out of bed.
But I would rather slumber there today,
Not rise to its bidding,
Not have to sift for words, persuade a stubborn flock
into a shambling line, reluctant to follow reason or rhyme.

Though today is the tomorrow I did not want to come
I will haul a sentence, coax a phrase
Rummage through my metaphors, mix them
And try to fill the brother shaped hole
I'm staring at on this page.

Let's see, it begins on the margins
Of a high school playing field
Where I met a companion – one who shares bread –
(Cheese and pickle sandwiches, most likely)
And knows the secrets of its leaven.

And in that library, that refuge
From the sport of teenage boys,
You would fold yourself into the pages of Britannica,
Of National Geographic, and emerge
With the origamic twist of something new.

You sold me a small black box
And taught me how to catch light in it.
I watched you conjure silver on a page
A certain alchemy, always bringing
The unseen into focus, darkness into light.

Together we travelled across decades, at times as close
As following each other's boots or cycle tracks
At others, most of the island measured between us
Whatever distance, our paths would always circle back,
Pick up where we left off; not have to explain.

We talked late into nights, putting right
A trouble world, sharing pangs of loss,
Pulling at the insoluble knots of life.
Entwined with each other's lives, I recall
How often I have sheltered in the sheer hospitality of you.

Though we may have differed in belief
I raise this bucket from the well of grief,
Death is but a boundary that tells us where we are.
No matter which side the fence
Love is always present tense.

Eric Johnston



KAKAPO FAMILY GROUP



Facilitators :- Glennys Brown, Esther Odlum & Maureen Hintz

What a wonderful Christmas Party we had late last month. Social distancing was still the order of the day but we still interacted well and had a few laughs. To all who contributed to food and organization skills, a very big thank you. I have included the story that was told at the dinner, explaining how the Angel got on the top of the Christmas tree. (ENJOY)

One particular Christmas season a long time ago Santa was ready for his Christmas run... but there were problems. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mother was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, -- heaven knows where. More stress.

Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys everywhere in the snow.

So, frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whisky. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had hidden the bottle and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor.

He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made from.

Just then the doorbell rang and Santa grumbled all his way to the door.

He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas Santa. Isn't it just a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it just a lovely tree? Where would you like me to stick it?"

Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas everyone,

From all of us in the Kakapo Family Group

Chartwell Gold Club

As another year draws to a close, I reflect on the year gone.

The Chartwell Gold Club has enjoyed a varied program again this year with trips, speakers, entertainment and games afternoons.



In September we enjoyed a tour of Clandon Daffodil Farm followed by afternoon tea at Alandale Village. A quiz followed by bingo was enjoyed in October and we found the talk by NZ Red Cross in November interesting. Our members are looking forward to a lovely Christmas lunch on 14th December, including carol singing and sharing of gifts. We hold the lunch in the Church Hall to help keep costs down.

Two of our members Florence Edwards and Yeolande Luker have moved into care and Natalie Taylor and Elsie Blackmore passed away both aged 97. They are all missed from our meetings. A few of the East Hamilton Singers have joined our group and we are really pleased to have them.

Anyone over 60 years of age is most welcome to come along to our meetings and see if they would like to join us. We have a meeting fee of \$2 each time we meet in the hall and a subscription of \$10 per year.

Next year we start on the 18th January at 1pm at the Church. We will have a sharing time and some fun with outdoor games. If you require any more information, please contact Ruth Bridge Phone 07 855 6048.



Elsie Blackmoore, Natalie Taylor and Val McMahon (another of our incredible over 95 year old members)

Elsie Blackmoore was a foundation member of the Chartwell Golden Oldies (previous Club name) and was a very regular member for 35 years.

Elsie was a tremendous gift to us all at the Chartwell Gold Club and an incredible example of how to be a member. Not only has Elsie been President but on the committee as Vice President, in charge of birthdays and the sales table and had a phoning list. All members realized her determination to come to our meetings, Elsie knitted so many articles for our sales table, provided magazines and knick knacks and made many scones and pikelets and other baking over the years. She never complained.

I, (Ruth Bridge) have personally benefited from Elsie's wisdom, kindness and determination. Elsie is someone I could always rely on and turn to for advise.

Elsie had her funeral service at Chartwell Church on the 14th November which was taken by Rev Gloria Zanders. Chartwell Gold Club was pleased to be able to serve the afternoon tea.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday to you all

Ruth Bridge

Keeping Mrs Inn In The Inn



This year's funny, tongue-twisting nativity play told the story of two Bethlehem innkeepers who owned competing inns.

Firstly, there's our hero, kind-hearted Mrs. Inn, and then there's her greedy, mean rival, Mrs. Out.

But as they say in all good western movies, "this town ain't big enough for both of us!".

So one inn must close! Only one can survive. The other will be turned into a multi story camel park.

'Will Inn be in, or Out be out? Or Out be in, and Inn be out?'

A huge thanks to all those involved in preparing and participating in the nativity play last Sunday. It was a great telling of the traditional story with the usual Chartwell Church twists. The play was full of 'super funny' camel and sheep based 'dad jokes' which were so bad they were good.

It was great to have some pre-recorded scenes as we did last year, which enabled some of our youth who were not available on the day to still be involved. Nicola and Emily Hollis played Mrs Inn and Mrs Out respectively and did a fabulous job.

Our three shepherds, town criers, roman soldier, three kings, Mary and Joseph and angels were all stars and played their parts so well. It was again a real bonus to have adult members of our congregation taking part as shepherds and hotel guests. I am very sure that the Hollywood agents will be right around the corner.

To our amazing IT team of Samuel and Jackson—a huge thanks. Not having to worry about all of that 'stuff' is a real bonus. Thanks also to those working behind the scenes with costumes and rehearsals.

Check out some of the photos of the play on the next page. We are hoping to have a video made available shortly for those who missed it or would like to see it again.





CWS Christmas Appeal for 2022

Let HOPE flow this Christmas



WATER – safe clean water for all.

Climate change is here. People are already dealing with climate disasters.

Floods are destroying homes in places like Pakistan. Rising seawater is threatening livelihoods in coastal regions – our Pacific neighbours are victims here. Droughts are wiping out crops in East Africa and more. In too many places, dirty and polluted water is causing illness and death for children like Caleb in Uganda.

This year's Christian World Service Appeal is all about WATER. Make your gift one that brings them HOPE. Hope for people who are trying very hard to secure the safe, clean water they need to survive: water to drink, to keep themselves clean and healthy, to grow crops, to keep families alive and healthy.

Your donation will be helping save lives and support livelihoods, by letting hope flow this Christmas. Donation envelopes and details available from the Church foyer, or you can go online and make a donation cws@cws.org.nz Also all offerings made at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will go to CWS. THANK YOU



SNAPSHOTS



The Bellbirds enjoyed a lovely lunch get together at the Hamilton Gardens re-

LEFT: Peter West painted these figures for the nativity scene in Tama- here Eventide daycare room. They look great. He has not lost his skill,.



MAINLY MUSIC

Glitter and paint were special guests over the last few weeks at Mainly Music as the young ones have been having some creative Christmas fun.



LIGHT PARTY 2022

Around 200 kids and adults enjoyed this years Light Party. We had fun playing games to earn tickets and then getting to spend those tickets at the 'shop'. We also enjoyed a performance from STRIVE Dance company. Thanks to all those who helped set up and run the event.





NOVEMBER MEN'S DINNER

Another successful Men's Dinner was held in November with a fabulous curry meal and a great guest speaker: Blair Bowcott. As General Manager of Growth at HCC he was able to share with us a broad overview of city growth and future directions. Some great questions and discussion by all.



A city coming of age and growing fast

- Hamilton's growth is inevitable, happening fast and it's more than just population and development.
- Hamilton is maturing as a city as we build upon our rural roots.
- We're an increasingly attractive place to do business, with many of the benefits of big city living, while remaining more affordable and easier to live in than other centres.



CHRISTMAS WREATH

We are blessed to have a Christmas wreath which reflects this years advent focus of water and new beginnings. Thanks to Gloria and Amanda for their efforts. Please pop up to the front of church and check it out for yourself.



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS FUN

We have been blessed to have a number of young people join in our Sunday morning and Thursday night youth groups through the year. Last week we were able to celebrate together and remember all the fun times we have enjoyed.



MESSY CHURCH

Much fun was had by a large number of families from within the community at the recent Messy Church Christmas celebrations. Christmas is when God gives us the gift of Jesus. Christmas is the **spirit** of giving, a time to spread love and joy to those who are special to us.

The Christmas story is full of people giving...

God gave us his only son

Mary and Joseph gave themselves as parents

The innkeeper gave Mary and Joseph a place to stay.

The angels gave the good news to the shepherds.

The wisemen gave gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh

We also took this opportunity to draw the winner of the Nativity Sheep Trail. Congratulations to Joanna in first place, Aisha and Liam in second place and Alison in third place. We had some great sheep displays in the local shops and had a load of entries both in hard copy and using the new digital forms. Most popular of all was the inclusion of one of the sheep in both the first and second prize bundles!





Methodist Conference

November 2022

celebrated 200 years of Methodism at
Kerikeri, Northland



I chose to register as an observer which I was able to do 'online'. This worked well for me and enabled me to keep my interest in MCNZ while in the comfort at home. These notes will highlight some of the many interesting and on several occasions challenging or controversial sessions.

- **Induction of the Presidential team for 2022-2024** **President** Rev. Peter Taylor (last parish- Lindisfarne Invercargill.) **Vice President** TeRito Peyroux – Semu (member of Rotuman Parish Auckland) past National youth worker MCNZ
- Presidential team for 2024-2026 **President elect** Te Aroha Rountree, member of Te Taha Māori- lecturer at Trinity College. **Vice President elect.** Rev. Peter Norman, Presbyter- Takapuna Parish Auckland.
- **New venture to be initiated via the Methodist website in December 2022**
GREEN GRANTS FOR PARISHES that are exploring ideas to assist climate change. **One example given was for some assistance towards installing SOLAR PANELS.** I hope that the parish council will explore this possibility.
- **YEAR OF DISCERNMENT**- from 2023 any person who is interested in their future in Methodist ministry will have to participate in this programme which has been prepared between Trinity College and Mission Resourcing. The parish presbyter is the person to guide the interested member.
- **Congratulations** Rev. Dr Susan Thompson (past synod superintendent) has been elected to be **a member of the World Council of Churches Central committee.** This is an 8-year appointment for only one person from NZ. The Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches rotate the representative.
- One session was spent with a report from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the abuse of children and young people in care. Unfortunately, MCNZ was not blameless in both children's homes and Wesley College. This was not easy to hear.
- Two items of concern which President Peter must address include the recent resignation of the board members of Mission Resourcing. The second concern is exploring a way to ensure ongoing funding to support the ministry of the Children's Ministry which is a part of Mission resourcing.

Mary West



CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

New hands at the Helm. A huge thanks to Jan Calvert who has so carefully looked after the management of the Church Library over the last year or so. Jan is stepping back and we are welcoming Margaret Henshaw into the role. It is great to have such a seamless handover. Thanks to Margaret for stepping into the role. We look forward to some great summer reading.

There is an interesting selection of books in the church library that cover a range of issues and topics. I encourage you all to pick one to read over the summer break. In the last Charter Jan mentioned “60-70-80-90 Planning Ahead for Our Senior Years”. It is an interesting read for sure.

Three books that I have enjoyed recently are:

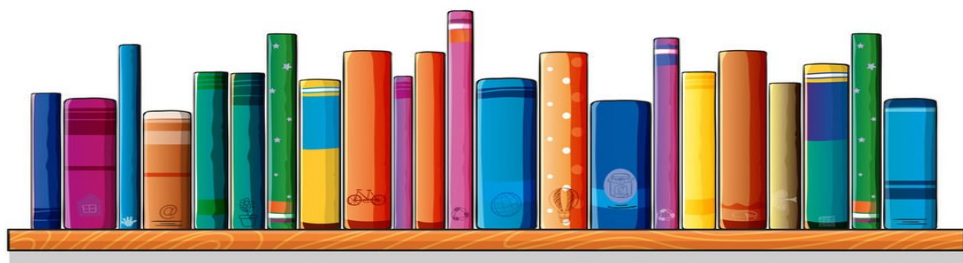
No Act Of Love is Every Wasted: This is a book for anyone who provides care to a person with dementia, family members, friends, professional caregivers and clergy. This is a topic that many of are aware of and manage on a daily basis so it has some useful insights and help.

Fifty Years Together: This is the story of our church and community written and compiled by three of our current parishioners. Thank you Jock, Jan and Gwen.

Chartwell Co-Operating Church, LAND STORY: This is the history of the land our church occupies. a wonderful combination of history co-authored by Seddon Polglase and Brian Ensor this year. Many thanks to you and any others who may have contributed to this valuable document.

Happy reading and Merry Christmas

Margaret Henshaw



During October and November, we have had third year Occupational Therapy students Lizzy, Tess and Kayla, working with us and looking at the transport needs and possible options to meet these. With several of our guests no longer driving, transport is required for weekly attendance and also for trips. We have been thankful for funding received so far and volunteer drivers for trips.

We welcomed four new guests, enjoying the interests they bring to the group. We have acknowledged the help volunteers give to our group and thanked those who have now moved to become guests. We also farewell Betty Jesney who has moved into Linda Jones.

Our Plunket morning in September was followed up with baby photos and a Plunket quiz. On 6th October, we all set out for Te Aroha where we met up with Morrinsville Selwyn Centre at the Wetlands. They provided a huge morning tea beside the lagoon with beautiful birds and trees around in an area previously the town rubbish dump. At Skidmore Reserve a Kahikatea tree was planted for the Selwyn Centre's before we had lunch together at the Bridge Club. After lunch some went to visit Adrian Worsely and his wonderful metal sculptures and collections. The rest of us travelled to Waitoa. Jan Shoemark is an amazing glass artist who shared her testimony while talking about the development of her art skills with glass and later metal.

On the 27th October we supported Breast Cancer with a pink morning tea before enjoying art with Kobi and some table games. On November 3rd we celebrated birthdays – Yvonne being 90, Gwen and Wendy turning 89 and also a birthday for Joan, our kitchen helper. Fiona George from Red Cross was our guest speaker, with us all learning about helping around the world and in New Zealand as well as first aide training – all reinforced with questions and chocolates.

On 10th November, Sylvia shared her interesting life story, living in the back of Ohura where even the postman didn't go. Feeding farm workers and looking after two young children with no electricity. How exciting it was in 1954 when she came home and flicked on the light switch for the first time. No wonder she is such a strong little lady after all she has lived through.

Songs of the 60's and 70's created lots of fun and memories as we worked out the songs and most of their singers. Thank you to Alec for all he did to put together

YouTube songs we could sing along to.

With COVID currently increasing in the community, we are retaining our current precautions and hope we can continue to meet weekly. Members are caring well for each other, not attending when they may present any risk to the group.

On 8th December we travelled to Kihikihi and Te Awamutu for our annual Christmas Trip. Our final meeting for 2022 will be on 15th December.

Helen McAlpine

Chartwell Selwyn Centre Coordinator



Lunch with the
Morrinsville
Selwyn Group at
Te Aroha on
October 6th.



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CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPE

(warning: contains alcohol)

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 bottle Vodka
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- Lemon juice
- Nuts
- 2 Cups of dried fruit

Method

1. Sample a cup of Vodka to check quality.
2. Take a large bowl, check the Vodka again to be sure it is of the highest quality then repeat.
3. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl.
4. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar. Beat again.
5. At this point, it is best to make sure the Vodka is still okay. Try another cup just in case.
6. Turn off the mixerer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.
7. Pick the fruit up off the floor, wash it and put it in the bowl a piece at a time trying to count it. Mix on the turner.
8. If the fried fruit getas stuck in the beaterers, just pry it loose with a drewscriver.
9. Sample the Vodka to test for tonsisticity. Next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Check the Vodka.
10. Now !@#\$\$%^&* shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one ta-ble.
11. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find.
12. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the Vodka and wipe the counter with the cat.



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