



**Apricots in central Otago**

**We may not have quite the same abundance as shown here, but we will share what we do have at our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 17 March.**

***All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.***



**ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA**

**MARCH 2024**

Ranfurlly St  
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**Linked together as disciples of Christ to share our faith with and give loving service to the community.**



In the sun and in the shade at our church picnic at Coleys' place.

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To the relief of many, **Cuppa and Chat** will resume on **Friday 1 March**.



Huge appreciation to Nina Mark and to Betty Hoskins for organising this for the past year.

And massive thanks to Nina Mark and Gwen Kramer for taking up the task this year.

The following meeting will be on 5 April.

Picnic service 11 February.

The venue for the picnic service was decided too late for it to be advertised in the newsletter. In fact, we were invited to hold the picnic at the home of Trevor and Glenys Coley. We thus were able to enjoy all the amenities of their home as well as have our picnic on their patio area. We held the actual church service in the lounge, then moved outdoors.

We are very grateful to the Coleys for offering to host us.

**Easter is coming!**

Jesus began to inform his disciples that he would have to suffer a lot. He would be killed. Peter said, "Heaven forbid, Lord." But Jesus said, "You are tempting me to sin. You aren't thinking the way God thinks but the way humans think." Matthew 16: 21-23

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Calendar for March 2024

Fri 1	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 3	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 10	10.00am	Communion
Wed 13	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 17	10.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving
Wed 20	9.30am	Session
Sun 24	10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 29	9.00am	Good Friday service at Harvest
Sun 31	10.00am	Easter Day Worship

**World Day of Prayer.**

Unfortunately the material for this year's World Day of Prayer service has been late arriving. It has yet to be decided when the local service will be held, and where.

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**Psalm 105: 1-4**

· Give thanks to the LORD.  
 · Call on him.  
 · Make known among the nations what he has done.  
 · <sup>2</sup> Sing to him.  
 · Make music to praise him.  
 · Meditate on all the miracles he has performed.  
 · <sup>3</sup> Brag about his holy name.  
 · Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
 · <sup>4</sup> Search for the LORD and his strength.  
 · Always seek his presence.

· Whakawhetai ki a Ihowā,  
 · karanga atu ki tōna ingoa;  
 · whakapuakina āna mahi ki waenganui o ngā iwi.  
 · Waiata ki a ia,  
 · hīmene ki a ia;  
 · kōrerotia āna mahi whakamīharo katoa.  
 · Whakamanamana ki tōna ingoa tapu;  
 · kia hari te ngākau o te hunga e rapu ana i a Ihowā.  
 · Rapua a Ihowā me tōna kaha;  
 · rapua tonutia tōna mata, ake ake.

Copy for the April newsletter is requested by Monday 25 March. The Editor

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### REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### FOR YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

I would like to thank everyone for helping to keep the church running smoothly over the past year.

The complex has been maintained to a high standard with the WOF from the Otorohanga District Council being issued after the Exit Light was repaired to the requirement of Zerofire Safety Ltd Hamilton. Zerofire Safety Ltd checks the building monthly and advises if anything needs to be repaired. The existing Exit Light backup batteries are now unavailable, so we must replace the whole new Exit Light system. There are a further seven Exit Lights to replace when they fail.

Tidy Gardens Ltd has kept our gardens tidy, with GMS mowing our lawns regularly.

The Manse rental is going well under the management of Michelle from Harcourts. There was a cost of \$11307 to bring the Manse up to the Healthy Living Government standard for renting and since then there have been repairs to the hot water system to increase the pressure in the shower.

Our website [www.saintdavid.org.nz](http://www.saintdavid.org.nz) was developed by KS Design of Otorohanga and kindly donated by Ann Roberts. This went live in March 2023.

Keep Safe and be kind to one another.

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Claire Sherrington  
Treasurer/Secretary

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

If you would like a copy of the Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2023, please contact Claire whose number is on the front page of this newsletter.

#### Session report

Session met at the end of January because my husband and I were going to Invercargill at the time in February when Session would usually meet. While there we attended Rosedale Bible Church, and loved the participatory atmosphere of it. A highlight of our brief holiday was a visit to the Hiko Museum in Riverton. Like the local Waitomo museum, it has some great interactive displays. Doing things together always gives people a good feeling. Worshipping God together is more rewarding somehow than doing it alone.

God bless you all, Dawn Phillips, Session Clerk