



The dynamic duo, David and Robin Hall, celebrated their 90th birthdays in style on March 8th over at the Waimea club. You could practically feel the love and joy radiating from the gathered families and friends - it was like a heartwarming Hallmark movie, just without the cheesy dialogue.



*Now We Are 90*



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Parish Quiz Night: 7.30 pm 3rd May in the hall

Parish Mid Winter Lunch: 22nd June at Club Waimea



**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTORAL VISITOR**



# NELSON TASMAN METHODIST PARISH

## Newsletter April 2025

The invitation from the Korean Methodist congregation of the Takapuna parish came to me through the Synod in June 1997, after my ordination on March 27th, 1997. The initial plan was for two years of ministry experience in New Zealand, before returning to Korea. However, I am still here.

Did I have a plan to retire my ministry in Nelson? It was never in my mind. But somehow, this will be the place for my retirement later, as the parish council made a decision to retain me as a presbyter until January 2030, after a ministry review. It is truly a blessing to receive the encouragement from all, and I am humbled to continue on this faith journey with you. I hope your prayers and support will continue, as it is not possible to carry on this journey without them.

I recently heard comments from visitors that our church is big and strong. We must be proud of this, as we sometimes forget how much we are blessed with a wonderful congregation. We are all making this happen as you come to the church every Sunday. We need to retain our strength and even make our faith community stronger.

You can talk to your friends, family, or neighbours about what we, as a church, are doing for the community. They will be surprised not by what we believe, but by our actions for the community.

I hope I will be refreshed after a four-week study break from May 13th to June 9th. I will go on a retreat in Christchurch and spend time by myself in silence and contemplation. David Moynan will be the supply minister during this time, leading two Sunday services and only taking urgent pastoral visits. Otherwise, please contact Nadia or Wayne if you have any pastoral matters.

Rev. Martin Sungchel OH

### Some highlights from the Community Support Team:

The church has paid out \$2,000 to the Nelson Women's Centre, which was a grant from the Snowden Trust.

The Transition Chaplaincy to Rest Homes ended on March 31 with the retirement of Jane Wulff. Voluntary rest home chaplains trained by the Nelson Anglican Diocese will now provide this ministry. The parish is thanked for its financial support.

The church provided \$2,000 in grant funding to the Women's Centre to furnish a room, and will also provide toilet paper and pregnancy test kits.

The Red Cross received \$500 in Warehouse vouchers to purchase household items for settled families.

The church is seeking someone to take over food deliveries to the Women's Refuge, as Kathy Ballantyne wants to step back.

John Petts has offered to share the role of monthly visits to the Male Room with Paul Tregurtha.



We had a delightful and engaging visit from Stoke School. The group included Sarah Oates and 15 children. Stoke School expressed their gratitude for the financial support we provided this term, which helped cover the costs of uniforms and stationery for their students.

This interaction has strengthened the ties between our church and the local schools. We are pleased to be able to support the schools in this way and foster stronger connections with the schools in our community.

They will cherish the memories of singing for us, enjoying the lovely afternoon snacks and gifts. For these young students, it will be an unforgettable experience that conveys the message that the church is a wonderful, welcoming place to be. Well done and thanks to the team, especially: Nadia Madill for communicating with the School, Pam Petts for the preparation of the food, Kathy Ballantyne for the gifts to the children, and Paul Tregurtha for the music - and of course, your presence.

### The summary of the Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting was held at 7pm 23rd April

Nadia thanked all those who helped clear out the church office. We are now waiting the collection of the old drawers. The proposal of a new round table, 4 chairs and new office chair were approved to be ordered then the transformation will be complete!

The Focus Group's final report was approved together with an appreciation of their enthusiasm and hard work and the Parish Council agreed to continue working on the project of future proofing the church.

With the church now supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters our Church logo is displayed in their website.

After Eric and Valerie Knight had taken on the role since their joining us they have asked if someone else could take on the role of liaising with the Fijian and Tongan congregations

The Parish Council agreed to support Martin's application for a Professional Development grant for his study course.

Hi Linda

Would you please pass on to the congregation our heartfelt thanks for all the food collected at your harvest festival

It is very generous and will be gratefully appreciated by the people we help

It is getting very tough for people to put food on the table, so thank you so much for the generosity Attached are a couple of photos of our now well stocked pantry

Thanks for your generosity

Kay Brereton

Manager at BUWT

