

INVERCARGILL METHODIST PARISH  
**REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2011**

**FUND-RAISER FOR 2011 - CHEESE ROLLS:** We used 270 white and 213 brown loaves of bread and 100kg of cheese, along with some secret ingredients, to make more than 1000 trays of cheese rolls. The price of these and of the other things needed eg trays, plastic bags, gloves and hats has increased markedly in the past two years, but we have still make a profit of \$2936.97. Sincere thanks to all who collected orders and, of, the wonderful group of cheese roll makers. Special mention and thanks must also go to Margaret, Shirley and Mona for their organisational skills.

**NEW PRESBYTER:** There is no news yet, but rest assured work is going on in the back-ground to try and rectify the situation. Please keep in your prayers the great people in our church family who are working so hard to keep things ticking over, especially those involved in organising and taking the services.

**INTERIM PRESBYTER:** Donald Phillipps continues his pastoral work in the parish. Our thoughts are with Shirley and Eddie, Elaine and Garth, Myra, and Wilma and Gordon, and others of our church family we may not be aware of who are struggling at the moment with things beyond their control. Donald is still committed to holding his Methodist Membership classes for some of our young folk. This should happen after the school holidays.

**PASTORAL:** Shirley is taking leave of absence from the Pastoral committee for the moment, but their work will still go on. Any member of the Pastoral committee can be rung if they are needed. Please be aware Stephanie Fannin also requires to be told of any cards or messages which need to be sent to anyone who needs our thoughts, prayers or congratulations. (A wee bird tells that a Golden Wedding celebration is coming up on the 15th May for our Wilma and Gordon.)

**PROPERTY:** The two houses are at present being rented. A heat pump has been installed in Miller Street. The Parish Council wishes to give a very big THANK YOU to Bruce Stoddart and his friend who went over the outside of the church and recognised several areas of bricks which needed repair work done to keep them safe. They brushed, scrubbed, sprayed, and generally saved us a large amount of finance by repairing them. Thank you again Bruce. God Bless.