

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Exciting news!



Technicians from Stewart Stained Glass in Christchurch, working on two of the beautiful stained glass windows saved from the demolition of St. Paul's church. These are going to be framed and backlit as a feature in the St. Stephen's renovation underway at present.

St Stephens alterations

Just a few pictures to show you how things are going at St Stephens



Access to St Stephens Complex

While the builders are doing the alterations to the foyer, access to the church, hall and lounge is through the outside office door, following the directions and arrows. Please stay out of the building site as this is a hazardous area.

Editorial

Welcome to this edition of the Link.

Tremendous progress is being made on the new foyer at St Stephen's and we are getting a sense of how much larger this space will be. By the time you get this LINK we expect the new front windows to be installed.



One feature I am really excited about is the chapel space, which was the old youth room. This will have 2 stained glass windows from St Paul's (the Begg Memorial windows) mounted on the wall and back lit. The windows depict the Samaritan woman at the well and Jesus the good shepherd and remind us of our call to reach out to the lost and marginalized. It is appropriate that these windows have pride of place as St Stephen's was planted out of St Paul's in the 1960's.

The space will be well lit and special thanks needs to go to Kevin Pateman who is donating around \$2500 of fittings to the project. We will be having a dedication/ grand opening service and lunch on 27th January.

At the same time, quotes have been sought for the exterior painting of Trinity which will smarten up its appearance. It will follow the same colour scheme as the hall. Because this project will cost more than \$50,000 we need congregational and Presbytery/Church Property Trustees approval to proceed. The proposal will be presented to the congregation, along with our mission plan, on Sunday 25th November for approval.

While all this building work is exciting, we know that buildings are not the most important thing about church- people are. It is the people who form the membership of the church that give it its life and purpose. So, I am greatly encouraged to be taking a group of 6 through a study on membership who we will welcome into our church family. This will take place at our combined service at Trinity on 25th Nov., 9:30am. This service will also include renewing our membership vows so I encourage you to be there if you can.

Blessings, Brent

November Parish Council Report.

Rev Brent opened the meeting with devotions, reading from Ephesians chapter 4. Call to live a life of our calling, unity and prayer.

Sign Board at Trinity almost ready to be installed.

A letter to go to Hamish Galloway congratulating him being appointed as Moderator Designate. Hamish started his ministry as minister at St Stephens.

Painting the outside and roof of Trinity Church is planned for the summer months. Meeting to approve this expenditure will be held after the church service 25th November.

The renovations at St.Stephens is progressing well. The end is in sight. The stain glass windows are being prepared for installation.

A porch has been installed at the entrance to the office. This has made a big difference on a wet day. Suggestion to have dedication and celebration of this new foyer. Planned day 27th January.

A Pastoral Gathering planned for the 21st November at St Stephens. Please bring a dessert.

Concerned expressed about the transport needs of our people coming to the Sunday afternoon communion. Such a worth while service for our elderly people. More drivers please.

Girls Brigade will be involved in the service held at Trinity 18th November. Both Boys and Girls brigade involved in the Christmas Parades.

Timaru Presbyterian Mission Plan presented by Rev Rory was adopted and will be presented to the congregation at the meeting after the service on the 25th November after the Church service.

Are there any special events, photos or items that you think should be in here? Let us know.

***Drop into the Church office or
Email to link@timarupres.org.nz***

Blessings Table

Leftovers from our very successful Basement Bonanza Sale, held earlier this year are in the process of being cleared from the downstairs area at Trinity Hall in readiness for November's Save the Children's annual dress sale. NO MORE GOODS are required at present, thanks.



Some of the very best leftover stuff is being stored in the end room for another sale, while other items are going to the Men's Shed, Women's Refuge, Curtain Bank etc.

A little table, named the 'Blessings Table' has been placed in the Trinity Hall gallery for displaying good fair leftovers. A small donation is required if you wish to purchase from the table, and to date it has raised \$52.00.

In Memoriam



Kathie Davies

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"
Matthew 5:8

Eat Well Fruit & Vege Co-op

The last day for Eat Well this year will be the 18th December. Then we will start again on the 8th January 2019

Pick-up Tuesdays 3 - 4 pm at 22 College Rd & 349 Wai-iti Road

Family pack \$15 Small pack \$8

Orders 022-123-3663 or email eatwell@timarupres.org.nz

Youthanasia – talk by Annette Beautrais

On 7 November St Johns Anglican Church hosted a talk by Annette Beautrais, who has undertaken research on NZ suicides for more than 20 years. Dr Beautrais works and teaches both in New Zealand and around the world on a range of topics based on her suicide research and efforts in suicide prevention. She also works for the SCDHB on suicide prevention.

While youth suicide was the focus for the evening, statistics show that the suicide rate is very high for men in their late forties and the highest for men over 85, though we do not hear much about these facts.

New Zealand has the highest youth suicide rate in 43 developed countries. And the outlook is not very positive as the rate has gone up in the last few years which to her judgement has a lot to do with the influence by social media like Facebook and others.

About one third of adolescent deaths are caused by suicide, the other third is road deaths and then other causes. Males are much more vulnerable right through the age range, but particularly in teenage and young adult years. Factors leading to suicide are complex and usually multiple factors lead to a person taking that final step.

Dr Beautrais identified 10 major factors: mental illness; various forms of abuse as a child; bereavement; bullying; the influence of social media and the internet; academic or other pressure; social isolation; physical health conditions, especially foetal alcohol syndrome; low self-esteem often expressed in self-harm; excessive use of alcohol and drugs.

She said that New Zealand's culture of binge drinking is often a critical component as it aggravates the other factors. Also, in recent years suicide seems to have been 'normalised' in the youth culture i.e. it is seen as an option for a way out. Dr Beautrais was very critical of our newspapers and other media in that regard.

How can we help to protect our teenagers and young adults? There obviously is no simple answer to this, but there are ways which help to counter or minimise those ten factors. Some are:

- Stay away from drugs or alcohol
- Have an adult mentor
- Do physical activities regularly
- Find healthy sleep

- A motivation to change and
- finding positive activities

It was disappointing that numbers attending were so low, because it was a very helpful and informative talk.

Even though the talk was in a church setting, Dr. Beutrais did not mention faith, the minister, Rev. Josh Taylor, brought in this aspect in his final prayer. So let me add these thoughts: Knowing that God has created you, that He loves you, in fact so much that He gave His Son for You, that He forgives You and gives you a new start provides a person with a totally different perspective, gives self-esteem, a sense of belonging and meaning for life.

What a wonderful message for young and old people!

Hermann Frank



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and enjoy with a cup of tea.

2 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.



James 2:1-26

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WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

18 November	9.00am Journey 21 @ C-Bay car park 9.30am Worship & Communion led by the Girls Brigade at Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd 7.00pm Celtic Worship in Trinity Chapel, 22 College Rd.
25 November	9.30am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd. New Members and Stir up Sunday, followed by Congregational Meeting
2 December	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd 2.30pm Communion Service in Trinity Chapel, 22 College Rd followed by afternoon tea
9 December	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Youth & Children's Events

KidzTime 10.30am Sundays at 349 Wai-iti Rd

Youth Group 5.30pm Sundays at 349 Wai-iti Rd
Contact: Margaret 688-8840 for details

Boys' Brigade 3.15pm & 6pm Mondays at 22 College Rd
Contact : Fiona 688-0375 or 021-1702930

Rhythm Kids: Tuesdays, 10-11am, Trinity Hall, College Rd.
Contact: Helen 684 6403 or 021768 973

Girls' Brigade Juniors 3.15pm Tuesdays at 22 College Rd

Girls' Brigade Seniors 6.00pm Tuesdays at 22 College Rd
Contact : Fiona 688 0375 or 021 170 2930

Regular Events

Study Group: Monday, 2.00pm Wai-iti Rd, Estelle 686 3220

Study Group: Monday, 7.00pm, Isabel 684 4485

Prayer Group: Tuesday 9.00am, Wai-iti Rd, Rory 686 1575

Community Club: Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm at Wai-iti Rd

Eat Well Co-op Packing: Tuesdays, 11.30am, Wai-iti Rd.

Eat Well Co-op Pickups: Tuesdays, 3-4 pm at College Rd and Wai-iti Rd

Study Group: Tuesday, 7.30pm, Hermann 684 5399

Coming Up

Elders, Pastoral Visitors & Link Deliverers Coffee & Dessert Evening: Wed 21 Nov, 7pm at St Stephens Church. We would like to say "Thank you" for all you have done over the past year and for many years. It will be a social evening with sharing of ideas.

Presbyterian Women's Lunch Group will meet on Wednesday, November 21, in Room 1, Trinity Hall. Shared lunch. Sales table. Speaker: Ngairie Pearce about her recent visits to the USA, Canada & Ireland. All women are welcome. Contacts: Dianne 686 0440 and Alison 688 4317

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: This meal will be held at St Stephens Church hall on the 27th NOVEMBER starting at MIDDAY. A time to come and to enjoy a meal and have good fellowship. Inquiries please phone Bev 6861207 or Carol 6888025

The Temuka Presbyterian Women have invited women from our Combined Parish to join with them for a SHARED LUNCH on Tuesday, December 4, at 12 noon in their Church Hall. Please bring lunch food to share.

There is an option to take an item for their Food Bank.

Good Companions: Meet at St Stephens at 2pm on 13 December. Please bring a small plate of fancy food for our Christmas meeting.

Items for Women's Refuge

From now until 2 December 2018 we will be running a collection of basic toiletries, such as toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, sanitary tampons, soap etc. for the Women's Refuge. Christmas is an extremely busy time for the Refuge and our donations are very welcome.

If anybody would like to contribute to the installation of the stained glass window ex St Pauls, in the new chapel at St Stephens, they could make a donation by placing in an envelope marked '**Stained Glass Window**' and place in the Offering Basket/Plate.

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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Not available Fridays

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the December-February LINK should be sent to the Church Office or emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz by Friday 7 December.

Christmas Holiday Programme

Wed 19 & Thu 20 December 2018

9am to 12noon

 for children 5 to 12 years old

\$5 per child per session

St Stephens Church

349 Wai-iti Road

Registrations

opening soon

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numbers**



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Stir Up
Sunday

25th November

Stir Up Sunday - is held on the Sunday preceding the 1st Sunday in Advent. The original concept behind Stir Up Sunday had religious connotations - as expected seeing as Christmas traditionally celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is important to note the phrase 'Stir Up' wasn't just created by chance. The origin of this phrase has significant meaning - deriving from the '1549 Anglican Book of Common Prayer'.

"Stir Up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Stir up Sunday gives those present on that Sunday the opportunity to be part of the process to make the Christmas cake (not a Christmas pudding as in the English tradition) that is then shared with everyone who attends the Christmas Eve and Day services.

Helen Carter

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