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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Fish and Chip Baby Singlets



Thank you to all you enthusiastic knitters. We have had a very pleasing response. They will be collected from both Trinity and St Stephens on Sunday 18 August.

Please phone Isobel ph 688 1931 before Thursday 22 August if you need them collected. Any later than that will be handed on to Family Works.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD

PLANT SALE

Flower plants,
vegetable
plants,
cakes, and
some surprises

9AM SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

What's coming up?

CAKE SALES TABLE AT ANNUAL PLANT SALE:

Just to add some “spice” to the annual Plant Sale we are calling all you bakers to get your spoon and mixing bowl at the ready...

We would love you to bake a batch of your favourite bikkies, your famous madeira cake, those scrummy apple muffins, a good old fashioned date loaf, Grandma's melt in the mouth shortbread, tasty savoury pinwheel scones, a batch of pikelets.....just WOW us with your baking skills!



We've even heard a whisper Rory Grant has some hidden “Master Chef” talents???

Just as helpful... If you would rather donate some baking ingredients (butter/sugar/fruit) and/or monetary donations to buy ingredients... we would appreciate that as well!

Please leave any baking items/money at the Church Office or in either College/Wai-iti Rd Church foyers (labelled “Cake Stall”) or ring 6883619 to arrange collection (preferably by Sun 8 September).

Thank you for your support – can't wait to sell your goodies! Better still....swap recipes!

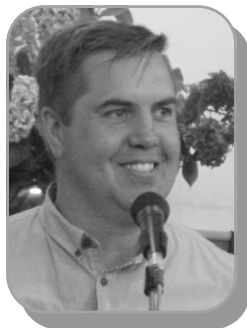
Contact Sandra Hetherington (Ph. 6883619 evenings or leave a message) or Murray Facer Ph. 6861629 with any queries.



Saturday, 7 September
8am to 9am
St Stephen's Lounge
come and pray for the church
All welcome

Editorial

I hope that you are all rugged up and well and warm through the coldest part of the year. It is certainly a time that we are grateful for fireplaces, and heat pumps and warm clothes on our backs.



Over the last month I have also been very grateful for the warmth of so many of our small groups and community activities. It has been a lot of fun to play with the pre-schoolers at Rhythm Kids and TP Kids and to get to know the mums and caregivers who are making these communities their own. I love getting down on their level to play - some might say that my sense of fun isn't too far away from a pre-schooler's to begin with!

I've also thoroughly enjoyed spending time with folk over a very good meal at our winter lunches at St. Stephens. The next one is coming up on the 27th of August, and for \$10 the warm fellowship and excellent hot meal can't be beaten.

Last week I was fortunate enough to get an invite to judge the desserts at the Girl's Brigade Masterchef competition. It was a lot of fun, tasted great, and I really admired the way the girls took pride in their creativity and skill. A chocolate gateau, a mint and lemon cupcake, and even an improvised custard flan. Yum!

Alongside the regular rhythms of worship, of Eat Well, of the Monday afternoon study group, and the Tuesday afternoon Community club, these times together with people have been a real highlight of the last month in my life. I am truly grateful.

In the quiet of the year, I encourage you to spend some time thinking of the things in your own life that you are grateful for, and to give thanks to God for these special moments.

Many blessings,
Rory

August Parish Council Report.

Jim Gardner led our devotion from the “Word for Today “ for 7 August, based on Psalm 42 :2 ‘My soul thirsts for you’. Godliness isn’t a culture, its an attitude of the heart. People look at he outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

There was a short discussion about the importance of submitting nominations for Parish Clerk as well as the vacant place on the parish council. Councillors Lois Shipley, Steph Holland and Judith Begg have indicated their agreement to serve a further three year term.

Part of the meeting involved discussing the letter from the Alpine Presbytery, asking for feed back on our view of the priorities in the Alpine Presbytery’s list of goals in their current strategic framework.

The time has come to replace the increasingly faulty heaters in the St Stephens Hall. The installation of heat pumps is planned for completion in late August 2019.

The row of silver birch trees needing to be kept clear of power lines on Wai-iti Road will be pruned instead of removed.

Another look over the new budget for the next financial year, found it ready to be presented at the Parish AGM to be held after the service at Trinity on 15 September.

With the vital outreach of the monthly afternoon communion service held at Trinity Chapel, there was discussion around the need to support the Pastoral group and Molly Thomson as they ensure there are enough drivers to bring people to this much loved service.

Brent commented on the Caleb Leadership Course he attended in Nelson. It covered 8 leadership skill areas; relationship skills, communication, motivation, management, creativity and decision making, training, leadership and coaching. Brent found it very worthwhile. He will be on leave from 19 August to 1 September.

Both Brent and Rory mentioned how successful and enjoyable the Sri Lankan cultural dinner was for our Parish. Well done Indi and her wonderful family.

Rory has devoted energy to encourage the Pleasant Point Parish to consider their membership and value belonging together. Pastorally July was a very busy month .

Joy Elliott

ERIC BARKER – “A Musical Journey.”



The 7th August was a special day for one of our parishioners, a man who has given a lifetime of service, particularly with his music, in a number of community groups, and particularly the church in Waimate and Timaru.

This is Eric Baker, and the date in August represents the completion of 70 years playing the organ and

piano and organising and contributing to many musical events over the years.

Eric's initial stint as church organist was with St Paul's in Timaru starting on the 7th August 1949 as a young 21-year-old. With true Presbyterian caution he was taken on for a three-month trial period but must have come up trumps as it was not until 1962 that he left the position having moved to Waimate. It is interesting to note that during the time of Eric's tenure there were 263 weddings in the church!

For a short time, Eric was a member of the Knox choir in Waimate, but it was not long (1963) until he was appointed assistant organist. From 1973 to 1980 he also played for the evening services and in 1981 when Esme Aitcheson retired, replaced her as full time organist. It was very 'full on' as there were three services on Sunday – 9.30am 'contemporary' and 11am and 7pm 'traditional'.

In August 1997 Eric and June returned to Timaru and Eric was invited to join the St. Stephens' organ roster, which at that time also included Don Jackson, Nancy Bennett and David Lockhart. Over the years there were six special services, organised by Eric, entitled 'Old Hymns Services' taken from the congregations' favourites and interspersed with solos and instrumental items.

In 2009 Eric returned to St. Pauls' where he sang in the choir for a short time and once again joined the organ roster, this time with Isobel McKinnon and Esme Turnbull. During the latter part of 2010 the earthquake severely damaged the church which, being considered unsafe, was closed with the



congregation moving to Chalmers church. Chalmers was also classed as unsafe, so Trinity and St Stephens became the places of worship where Eric is on the organ roster at Trinity and also plays the keyboard at St Stephens.

June has been a mainstay for Eric for the last 65 years since they were married at St. Pauls' church by Rev. Russell Kenward. She has written the lyrics for many of Eric's compositions, some of which are played at services to the enjoyment of all present.

We should remember that Eric's amazing musical contribution has not been limited to the church. He and June have made major contributions to the Savage Club. Eric received recognition of his 56 years in the club with a function in early July attended by the national president. The Scottish Society are another group lucky enough to have Eric contributing and generously sharing his musical talents. The South Canterbury Women's club 'Music Circle' was another community activity that Eric and June supported until they disbanded in about 2015.

But it is the Presbyterian Church in South Canterbury that has been incredibly blessed and enriched by Eric's contribution over 7 decades. And perhaps it is fitting that the great pipe organ that used to be in Trinity Church in Barnard Street and the Bosendorfer piano from Chalmers Church, both of which Eric loves playing, have become his prime musical instruments.

Thank you Eric and June for your amazing contribution to the life of our church and the local community.

*"Through this journey of music
Eric has travelled
the first tentative steps
seventy years ago.....
sharing his gift with many
we praise God for the gift of music".*

Excerpt from June's poem – "A musical journey."



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WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

18 August	9.00am Journey 21 @ C-Bay car park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
25 August	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
1 September	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd 2.30pm Afternoon Communion Service in Trinity Chapel, 22 College Rd followed by afternoon tea
8 September	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

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Study Group: Monday, 7.00pm, Isabel 684 4485

Prayer Group: Tuesday 9.00am, Wai-iti Rd, Brent 686 1382

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

Presbyterian Women Lunch Group: Meets at Trinity, Wed 21 August at 12.30pm. Speaker: Katie Houston– Support Manager Aorangi Migrant Centre. Bring finger food to share for lunch. Bring goodies for the sales table. All welcome. Contact: Alison 688 4317 or Dianne 686 0440.

An invitation for Presbyterian Women's Groups: St Mary's Assn of Anglican Women extends a warm invitation to your members to join them for their Hospitality Day, 2pm, Thursday 22 August at St Mary's Hall, 24 Church St. Guest Speaker: Rev'd Alan Cummins. Sales table—proceeds in support of local charities. Please RSVP by 19 August to Val ph 684 5653.

WINTER LUNCH: Members of our Lunch Group came and discussed with me the price of our meal. They felt the price of \$7 did not reflect the quality of the meal we serve. As a result starting from our next meal Tuesday 27 August our meals will be \$10. Bev Ph 6861207

The Community Club: Tuesdays, 1.30-3.30pm at St Stephens for Cards 500, Indoor Bowls, Scrabble & Art. New members welcome. Contact: Sid & Hazel 684 3478.

Plant Sale: At Stephens, 14 September starting at 9am. Flower & vegetable plants, cakes and some surprises. More details later. Contact: Murray 686 1629.

In Memoriam



Eric Stevenson

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

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

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22 College Rd, Timaru South

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Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

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Not available Fridays

On leave until 9 September

LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the September-October LINK should be sent to the Church Office or emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz by Friday 6 September.

9:30-11am
Thursdays

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there



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night of entrees
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winning team the
trophy they won
by one point .

Another Master Chef moment



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