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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Coracle Weekend



Read about the Coracle weekend on page 12

See back page for this months rubbish challenge.

What's been happening?

Right: Jim Garden filling the new garden plot for the plant sale.



Below: Joy and David Elliott visiting the Magalhaes family in Napier.



Page 3: It was a joy to gather in the autumnal beauty of Hanmer Springs at the Coracle weekend.

Editorial

It has been a busy time in the life of the church over the last month.

A huge thanks to everyone involved with the renovation of the Trinity Community Centre Kitchen, it is looking magnificent, and will serve our congregation and community for years to come! When I think back of the challenges we have had with our buildings during my time in Timaru, it really is remarkable what we have accomplished at both St. Stephens and Trinity over the last few years.



A personal highlight was attending the "Coracle" weekend in Hanmer with our Mission Enablers, Helen Carter and Joy Elliott. It was an inspiring and challenging weekend, and you can read more about it in Joy's report in this issue of the Link. (Page 12)

Coming up, we have our first Community Lunch of the winter this month. Again, a big thanks is due to all the people who make this possible, and also to the daffodil team who have funded a new range for the St. Stephens kitchen. We will put it through its paces over the next few months!

I am also excited that we will be holding a school holiday programme from Monday 12 to Wednesday 14 July. Our theme will be "I Wonder?", exploring the unique wonderful-ness of our world and the gifts that we share with one another. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the office, or Jo Chang who is heading up the team this year. Thanks Jo!

Many blessings,
Rory



May Parish Council Report

Rev Brent welcomed the parish council.

Judith shared the devotions on the theme of “New every morning”.

Appreciating our blessings and how God provides for us.

Blue Skies Retreat: There was a feedback discussion about the Blue skies retreat held in April.

Thoughts from the retreat:

-We have a lot of things to be thankful for that are happening in our parish.

-The age profile of our parish provides both challenges and opportunities.

-Parish finances were examined and trends forecasted. It is helpful that we now have better systems for tracking expenditure and outgoings. We identified some opportunities to increase our income.

-There was a discussion about mission and community facing opportunities.

Mission Plan:

Parish council began work on reviewing and updating our Mission Plan which was last updated in December 2019.

Trinity centre:

The work on the kitchen upgrade this is progressing well. The flooring, walls and kitchen units have been installed and appliances are to be installed.

An insurance claim for roof hail damage to the hall and church at Trinity has been accepted. We are awaiting to hear the outcome of what will happen next.

St Stephens/ Wai iti Rd

The lease for the Playcentre is in the process of being renewed.

A tenant has been found for the manse and it will be occupied from the middle of May.

A new Kitchen Island is to be installed in the kitchen of St Stephens.

18 September has been set as the date for the annual plant sale.

Reports were received from The Executive group, Admin, Worship, Mission, Boys Brigade, Trinity Outreach programmes and our ministers.

The Parish council is grateful for the faithfulness, hard work and dedication to our parish and its various ministries and activities by so many people.



Stephanie

NEWS from the MISSION GROUP

Even before the knitting project got underway two very enthusiastic knitters had made 33 pairs of slippers between them - what an amazing effort! These slippers have now been bagged up in readiness to go to Kowhai and Hanan kindergartens. (See photo).



Because of our recent sizeable donation (from Buy and Supply sales) to the Westpac Helicopter Appeal, three Mission Group members were kindly invited to the display of their new helicopter on Caroline Bay. This invitation included a talk about their lifesaving work, as well as afternoon tea. Those that attended found the experience most interesting.

The migrant ladies and the new mums that regularly meet at Trinity Hall are very keen to start up a little sewing group. Has anyone got a surplus sewing machine they would be prepared to donate. If so, please ring Helen on : 684 6403 or 021 768 973.

Bucket Mission Topics for the next few months:

23rd May - Covid Crisis in India (these donations will be forwarded on to the Red Cross)

6th June - Child Rescue

July (date to be set) - possibly helping with the rebuilding of the Vanuatu Theological College damaged in Cyclone Harold (April 2020).

Highest wind speed was 270 mph - hard to imagine!

Some Interesting Facts and Figures from the Mission Group

Eatwell has now been successfully running for nearly 6 years, with an annual turnover of approximately \$13,000.

The Bucket Mission has raised approximately \$250 each month.

Buy and Supply raised \$224.10 for Christian World Service - Uganda Water Tank Appeal. This is our last humanitarian project for this season, and we will resume again in the spring.

Since the beginning of the year our 2 Buy and Supply tables have raised the amazing amount of \$656.70 for various charities.

Rhythm Kids has now been going for 4 years , with great friendships developing.

The teachers at Kowhai Kindergarten are very keen to organise an outing for their children and hope to visit Rhythm Kids sometime soon.

The Play Group has now been running for 2 years.

Elaine



Recipient of money from the April Mission Project funds.

Mid - South Island Women's Refuge
& Family Safety Services

Receipt

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office@scwr.co.nz

Date Received 22.04.2021
Receipt no: 1087

Donation received from:

Timaru Presbyterian Parish
Attention: Rose Hill
349 Wai-iti Road
Timaru 7910

G.S.T. No 46-755-448

Description	Amount
Donation towards Mother's Day gifts for clients	\$377.30
Totals	\$377.30

Received with thanks

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In Memoriam



Ian Hunter

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
shall see God”



RESILIENCE & WELLBEING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The Case
for
Wellbeing

Running
Away—
Running
Towards

The Gift of
Resiliency

Passing it
on—
Leaving it
Behind

**South Island
Ministry
Conference**

*18th May
19th May*

2021

Speakers:
Dr Rod Galloway
Paul Reet

To register go to <http://www.etchurch.co.nz/conference/registrations>

Everyone is interesting Even you Even me

How well do you know your fellow parishioners?

The house at Craigmillar farm



We are continuing a series of 'thumbnails' on randomly selected parishioners.

A series of clues to the identity are set out below. How quickly can you pick this month's choice? Did you get any surprises?

Answer on page 17

I was born in Timaru and haven't moved far away from there throughout my life. My childhood was spent on the family farm "Craigmillar," named after a castle in Scotland, but I'm unsure of the family connection if any.

We lived on Chamberlain Road near Albury, so it was logical that I attend the Chamberlain School. I was there up until what was called Standard 1 (year 3 in today's schools) when we combined with the Albury School in 1938.

The area sports days at Fraser Park were a highlight of the year – travelling by bus to Timaru and competing with children from other schools was something to look forward to.

I loved those early years on the farm, immersed in all the things lucky farm kids enjoyed; chasing sheep, feeding lambs and chooks, jumping the creek, skating on the pond with "Dad-made" skates. My Dad, Sam Irving was very clever at making all sorts of things, but more about that later.



The subject aged about 3

I was off to secondary school at Waimate in about 1940 where my favourite subjects were science, art, and English, all of which in one way or another I have carried on through the years.

There were no transport services to get to a secondary school from our place, and fortunately my mothers' sister Ruby came to our aid. In fact, over a period of 10 years she had me or a sister staying and attending the Waimate high school. She was a teacher at Willowbridge and lived in the schoolhouse there. I biked to school daily a distance of 8 km's. This put me in good stead for a future adventure, details of which I will describe later.

I always looked forward to returning to the farm for school holidays even

though I had to earn my keep with chores and hanging on at the back of the header harvester bouncing around over bumpy paddocks!

My grandfather Richard Irving was an early settler in the area arriving from Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1867 under engagement to the Levels Land Co. He was very knowledgeable and interested in draught horses and brought a top stallion “Ivanhoe” with him. He was a respected and well-known figure in the district working up to a land holding of around 2000 acres at Levels known as “Brownhill.” In his early 60’s he took a well-earned trip back to the “old country.”



Men in the district arranged a grand send-off banquet at the Albury Railway Hotel prior to him leaving in 1899, which showed the high level of respect he engendered among the community.

He had a deep interest in the Timaru A & P Society which was indebted to him for being the leading figure in the purchase of the excellent 20 acres show-ground and having the debt quickly paid off. An interesting aside – that is the land that is now being developed as a satellite mall – not sure grandfather would have approved or even dreamt of that happening!

My Dad Sam was in the middle of a family of 12. He was very clever with all sorts of tasks besides farming These included cabinet making, metal work, family toys and even a violin and caravans. He married the teacher at Chamberlain school – Daisy Norrish and so my family developed at “Craigmillar”.

My mother Daisy was a conscientious and generous mother who strove for her children to continue education for as long as possible. It must not have



Every Tuesday morning during school term
10–11am Trinity Hall College Rd
Gold Coin Donation
Morning Tea Supplied

been easy for her to make the transition from teaching to farm wife and mother. Dad, the practical one, would have been happy to see us all on the farm straight after primary school. It was



A drawing of her Grandad done by one of the subject's children

Mum's perseverance that enabled us to stay with Aunt Ruby who had similar standards.

Earlier on in my story I made mention of biking. When I was 16, I and a friend (Tam Hunt) got it into our heads to go on a bike ride. This turned into quite an epic journey for two young girls on everyday gearless bikes! The first part was from Timaru to Dunedin, carrying our pup tent and camping at various **spots on the way. In today's climate, young ladies would think twice about making a trip like that – no cell phones, camping in remote spots but we felt quite safe.**

From Dunedin we took a train to Cromwell from where we biked on to Queenstown and over the Crown Range to Wanaka. I have to

admit the big blue Mt Cook bus picked us up with our bikes on the Crown Range and took us to Wanaka free of charge. From there we cycled to the start of the Lindis Pass where we came across our parents on a mission to **pick us up. Maybe they were anxious about us turning up on time...or not at all!**

After my high school years I trained as a Dental Nurse in Wellington 1949 – 1951. My first posting was a sole charge in Geraldine and then the **district of Pleasant Point and St Andrews up to 1957. My "husband to be"** was teaching at St Andrews school so as dental nurse there our paths were bound to cross!

After our wedding in 1957 we moved around the area, with 3 years in Pleasant valley near Geraldine. Then off to Maitland in Southland (a two-teacher school).

With teacher numbers and responsibilities continuing their steady rise - off to Lauriston near Methven with three teachers.

There is hardly enough space to mention the most important part of our lives – **Family. Two girls and two boys arrived in the 50's and 60's all different and all very dear to our hearts. Our tribe has been extended by 6 grandchildren over the years with whom we have had great adventures including walking NZ's great tracks, and more recently a great grandchild!**

In 1968 we moved to Timaru my husband (saying his name and schools would make it too easy for you) advancing to further positions of increased responsibility.

It was when we came to Timaru that an outlet opened for many of the activities I had been enjoying through my school life and later. The creative side of me was released into the many facets of church life and other activities. The wonder of nature appealed to me. The exquisitely built nest of a tiny native bird, the monarch butterfly with dazzling wing colours and gold flecked pupa.

I often said that the walk from my front door to my front gate holds just as many treasures and miracles of nature as a thousand-kilometre overseas trip.



Some of the wooden puzzles made by the Graphics group

Pictured are some of the crafts we created. The hangings, designed by our minister, were then brought into reality by our group. The jigsaw puzzles we made were sold to provide funds to create the larger felt banners. We **were called "The Graphics Group"**. An amazing little band of multi-talented friends – some of whom sadly are not now with us.

Another thing I loved were the house groups. We could achieve more meaningful interaction on a personal level when meeting **and receiving hospitality in someone's home**. I still regard them as the heart of the church, **and a happy place in one's life**.

When asked these days how we've made it this far we reply, **"We walk, we eat nuts, we are nuts!"**



The hangings designed by our Minister

The Coracle Gathering

There was a tradition among Celtic Christian pilgrims, to set sail in a small, walnut shaped boat called a coracle, without oar or rudder and let the winds and current of divine love carry them to a new shore with the hope of establishing a new Christian community.

From Friday evening 30 April until midday Sunday 2 May, Rev Rory Grant, Helen Carter and myself joined a group of other Christians at Hanmer Springs, Forest Camp, listening to and discussing ideas of where present day ‘coracle journeys’ may lead us; if we are brave enough to step into a ‘coracle’ and be guided by God’s love.

Before attending we were asked to watch short videos of some journeys which have already begun throughout New Zealand, giving us a background before we met some of the present day ‘coracle navigators.’

Firstly we were treated to the story of ‘the Hughes Place garden’/ Taneatua, near Ohope in the Bay of Plenty. The land for this garden was gifted and the wonderful renewal among a deeply challenged community there, has been shepherded by Rev Tamiana Thrupp and his wife Honey. Having this couple and others representing The Maori Synod, Te Aka Pua-ho—‘The Glowing Vine’ was indeed a wonderful highlight. Their marae is Te Maungarony—‘The Mountain of Peace.’

Their community has become united, with respect for all walks of life, a place of love, healing, new beginnings, hospitality, lightness and “ if you could see the colour of love it would be there.”

Closer to home, the Alpine Presbytery were looking for a place in the Christchurch area, to explore new ways of doing church. A community where pioneers could be supported and trained by creative leadership to develop new relationships and fellowship through mission which establishes trust and goodwill. From this seed has grown ‘the Prestons Project’ in the large new subdivision of Prestons and Prestons Park in the north of Christchurch. Here a small group of people spent time trying to identify the community needs, eventually being able to start a pre school music group as a way of much needed community fellowship for young mums and their children. Sunday ‘prayers and pancakes’ has also grown as a home based form of ‘church’.

The ‘Kiwi church’ story, also initially grew in the Christchurch area. Darryl Tempero has sailed his coracle in many directions, helping create new ways of experiencing ‘church’. Beer and bbq is a popular, relaxed, intergenerational, home based type of worship with shared food, and freedom to talk and get to know each other without any judgements

Vertical 1 is a group of youth, young adults and family who also explore their values in a safe nurturing way. Kiwi church also has a group in West Otago.

A similar venture called 'the Seedlings' has begun in South Dunedin where once again a few faithful Christians are listening for God's promptings so they can assist community needs. A success, is the sewing group, which supports new migrants and others as they strengthen faith by developing authentic relationships. The Seedlings also nurture their faith with shared meals and worship.

Malcolm Gordon, whose musical gifts are familiar to many of us at TPP, also enhanced our weekend with his inspired music and voice, as well as leading workshops on Saturday afternoon.

Rory, Helen and myself are certainly grateful and immensely privileged to have been part of this wonderful weekend of encouragement and inspiration. Our own Timaru outreaches of Rhythm Kids, the TP playgroup, Yoga for Seniors, the Winter Lunches, Holiday programmes and Eatwell fruit and Vege co-op, show that in our way, we too have set sail on coracle journeys.

We plan to share more insights from this weekend with you all in the near future.

From Colossians 2:6-7. **"Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with Him. Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him and become stronger in your faith as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving."**

Joy Elliott

Right: After an initial estimate of 15-25 people who might be interested, 75 people from around the country gathered in Hanmer for the Coracle Weekend



Left: We gathered outdoors for our closing worship, led by Rev. Malcolm Gordon, Tamiana and Honey Thrupp of Te Aka Puaho, and members of the Kiwi Church community



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Hospice Awareness Week

17th - 23rd May 2021

As part of this special week your Hospice would like to invite you to the following free events:

"Living with Grief"

Tuesday 18th May 10-11:am or 5:15-6:15pm @ The Hospice Community Cottage, 70 Orbell St, Timaru.

When someone we love has died we all cope in different ways. At times life can be particularly difficult - especially around anniversaries and significant days. Come join us for a cuppa and explore ways to help yourself and/or those you love around anniversaries and special occasions.

Burning of the cards from the Farmers Tree of Remembrance Campaign.

Tuesday 18th May 11:30-12:00 @ The Hospice Community Cottage, 70 Orbell St, Timaru.

This reflective event seeks to honour those who have died and were particularly missed at Christmas. Together we burn the cards from the Farmers Tree of Remembrance campaign where people wrote messages to loved ones.

"What Hospice can offer you"

Wednesday 19th May 10-11:am or 5:15-6:15pm @ The Hospice Community Cottage, 70 Orbell St, Timaru.

Hospice South Canterbury has been an integral part of the community for almost 30 years. While many may know of the wonderful services provided with end-of-life care, there are many other aspects of support offered by the Hospice. Join us for a cuppa and a chat to find out what Hospice offers when you or a loved one has a life limiting/palliative condition.

Advance Care Planning - Your life your health

Thursday 20th May 10-11am or 5:15-6:15pm @ The Hospice Community Cottage, 70 Orbell St, Timaru.

We plan for everything else in life except the end of it. Join us as we discuss various aspects of advanced care planning with Diane Wilson (Hospice EN). All questions welcomed.

*You are welcome to join in a guided tour through the Hospice after any of these events.
Phone (03) 687 7670 for more information.*

*To assist in planning, please indicate your interest: phone (03)687 7670 or email
support@hospicesc.org.nz*



WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

16 May	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay Car Park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
23 May	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
30 May	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
06 June	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
13 June	9.30am GB & BB Parade/Service 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

Youth & Children's Events

Youth Group -Sundays from 5.30 to 7.30pm at St Stephens.

Contact: Margaret ph 688 8840.

Boys' Brigade 3.15pm - 4.30pm Mondays at 22 College Rd

Contact : Fiona 688-0375 or 021-1702930

Rhythm Klds: 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, This group is meeting in the *Summer months only*.

Contact 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 & Wai-iti Rd

Study Group: Tuesday, 7.30pm, Hermann 684 5399

Yoga for Seniors: 2pm on Thurs in Room 1 at Trinity. Leigh Marsden takes this 'not on the floor' exercise programme . This is for men and women.

Gold coin donation to assist with expenses is appreciated. Would you like

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

to attend these classes? Or for more information, please contact Helen ph 684 6403 or 021 768 973.

Coming Up

Eatwell - Bags \$15 large and \$10 small. Place your order Thursdays by 8pm, pick up Tuesdays 3-4pm from Trinity Community Centre, 22 College Road or St Stephens Church, 349 Wai-iti Road.
Ph 022 123 3663 .

Journey 21: Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 16th of May. Theme 'The Kingdom of God'

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 03 685 6126

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP

Wed 19 May at St Stephens starting at 12.30pm with a shared Lunch.

Guest Speaker: Briony Woodnorth of the T.D.C advising on updated requirements for items being placed in the Otto.

Please support the sales table as proceeds help within our community.

All Ladies of the Parish welcome.

Apologies or rides required please

contact Dianne 686 0440 or Robyn 688 1948.

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

Jam Session is on 19 May at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm.

Contact: Brent

Prayer for Others Workshop - Sat 19 June 10am to 2pm. More details to come.

Bible Society Cheese-roll fund raiser: We will make our favourite cheese-rolls again this winter. Delivery will be on **Sunday 20 June** and **Sunday 4 July**. We will make them on Saturday 19 June and Saturday 3 July. As the price of cheese and bread went up we are selling them now for \$ 7.00 a doz, 3 doz for \$ 20.00 and 4 doz for \$ 25.00. Please order them in church or from Evi (phone 684 5399, email mama@newfrankland.org) or through the office.



TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

www.timarupres.org.nz

Parish Office

349 Wai-iti Rd Phone: 686-0981

email: oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

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Not available Fridays

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Judith Begg 688-6004, parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz

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Boys and Girls Brigade attended the



Anzac day parade at Caroline bay. The Brigade marched in and then enjoyed the service. The young people aged 5 to 14 years of age.

Fiona.

Financial Giving:

As from June, Westpac will no longer accept cheques. If your donations are made by cheque could you please consider making arrangements with your bank for Direct Credit or Automatic Payments to be made. You could also use internet banking.

Our account is: 03 1714 0405434 01

Please use either your name or Envelope number as a reference.

Any queries see Ngaire Pearce ph 686 1834.

Eat Well Fruit & Vege Co-op

22 College Rd & 349 Wai-iti Road



Family pack

\$15

Small pack

\$10



Orders 022-123-3663 or

Email: eatwell@timarupres.org.nz

The Rubbish Challenge

Step 4) May: Disposables

Bible verse: [Romans 12:2](#)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

‘Big Idea’

Cheap and convenient is not always good! If we take into account the long-term cost of plastic waste, cheap disposable items are actually very costly. They do harm to creation. Doing what we know is wrong is sin, and damages our relationship with God.

Question - for reflection & discussion

How do you respond to the challenge that buying cheap throw-away things is wrong, even a sin?

Watch video at www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html

Action Step for May

Review what single-use items you buy.

When do disposables seem a good option?

- for large numbers of people
- for picnics and outside events
- for hygiene reasons

Explore alternatives.

Choose to stop buying throw-away items such as cups or plastic cutlery.

Prayer

Lord have mercy – we confess to you:
we like what is easy and convenient.
Christ have mercy – we ask of you:
renew our lives to live your way.
Lord have mercy – we offer to you
all we value and choose and buy
to the praise of your glorious grace.

Amen

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