

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



## Girls Brigade



***Find out what the Girls and Boys Brigade  
have been up to on pages 7,8 and 15***

*See back page for this months rubbish challenge.*

# What's been happening?



**Above:** Presbyterian Women's lunch group

**Below:** As part of Company section badge work all boys made and painted their stools. For some boys this was a challenge but they were all happy to take home their stools. **Left:** Brent tested the strength of the stool and it passed the test.



# Editorial



With the recent weather bomb, we are once more reminded of the power of nature to disrupt our lives. After a very long dry spell, our region saw 3 months worth of rain in 3 days! Having just moved into a house with a basement office I was more than a little **concerned with how water tight the whole place is.** I'm happy to report there were no signs of unwanted water except in a corner of the garage. I probably need to clean the spouting to rectify that.

**The same can't be said for our church buildings! Predictably the cellar at St Stephens was well flooded-** about 5 inches deep by my reckoning. Fortunately, we have a pump which greatly aids in clearing the water and there are plans to have this installed to make the process automatic. At Trinity we had water coming in from the flat section of roof over the toilets, probably due to blocked spouting which was due for a cleanout- the rain came a little sooner than the scheduled work. We have also noticed severe leaking around the east end basement door of the Trinity Centre which is due **for repair. I'm sure some of you will have also experienced similar issues-** I hope these are not too distressing for you!

As we approach the end of the church financial year (30<sup>th</sup> June), I'm happy to report that our accounts are looking in much better shape than we had budgeted for. At last year's AGM we had presented a budget showing a deficit of \$87,000 which was graciously approved although we all rightly felt some concern at the prospect of such a large deficit. The actual deficit is likely to be less than \$20,000 based on current projections. This year saw a significant lift in giving against budget expectations of around \$43,000 and income from our properties of \$7,000 over budget. We are very grateful to those who give so generously to the work of this parish and partner so faithfully with the Lord in this ministry of generosity.

The Admin Ministry Team are currently working on next year's budget and are taking great care to ensure we present as accurate a picture as possible of our spending priorities and ensure our decisions are driven by our mission plans.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the LINK and may you stay warm and dry this winter!

Nga mihi, Brent

# June Parish Council Report

Steph Holland led devotions reflecting on the recent weather bomb and the way this disrupted transport and the supply of goods and services, especially south of Ashburton. The whole system works well until one part, e.g. a bridge, cannot play its part. In 1 Cor 12 Paul describes the church as a human body with each part doing its job as it's designed to so that it works together. Each member is unique but interdependent on each other and Christ. We are complete when together.

Correspondence: Notification from the national office of the deaths of Rev I McGregor and Rev I Rutherford. We received a voting form to ratify the decision made to allow for a General Assembly to be conducted by electronic means in the case that large groups are prohibited from meeting together. We received a request to host a special morning tea to thank the tradespeople who worked on the new Trinity centre kitchen and council are very supportive of this. Bev Quigley signalled that she will be stepping down from council at the end of her term this year. Jim Garden is also retiring at the end of this term.

The Executive group will be working on the process to bring new members onto Council and clarifying the process around this.

The Admin Ministry Group presented the Cash Summary report for 30 April which is showing a surplus of \$7215. This is a very pleasing result with 2 months of the year yet to run. Funds were boosted by the donation from the Friendship centre (Chalmers) and **St Paul's catering group of \$25,000 as well as a lift in giving of** around \$18,000 over the budgeted amount. The group is involved at present in putting together the budget for 2021/22 which is a steep learning curve for our treasurer but good progress is being made. We are happy to report that the manse is now occupied by a family of 3. The Trinity kitchen upgrade is mostly complete and the centre bench for the St Stephens kitchen is installed with a temporary top awaiting the final one for completion. A long awaited replacement for the St Stephens lectern mic is on its way as well as an overhead mic which will enhance the quality of the audio for our live streaming services.

The Pastoral report advised a prayer breakfast has been planned for Saturday the 12th June. Our pastoral elder, Lois Shipley, reported on her activities including taking rest home services and pastoral

visiting and updating the elders ringing lists and setting up an **elders' buddy system to provide support.**

Girls Brigade are setting up a market day fundraiser for fonomarae July 10. They have also been busy making cheese rolls in the new kitchen. There are 19 girls in this programme.

Brent and Rory are working with Jo Chang on the July holiday programme planning as well as the up-coming workshop on prayer, especially for those involved in public prayer. Brent and Rory continue to make a significant contribution to our Presbytery through various roles including Presbytery Council. Brent was granted annual leave for 25 June-4 July..

**General business: A suggested theme for our mission plan is 'sowing and growing'**- Rory will develop the theme in line with the mission plan.

AGM planned for August 29th at St Stephens, following the 10:30 am service.

Fundraiser lunch at Naruwan restaurant is being planned- keep an eye out for details soon.

## **NEWS from the MISSION GROUP**

After viewing upsetting scenes on our TV of the dire COVID situation in **India, it was pleasing to note that our 'extra special' Mission Moment** raised \$400.90 for this relief work. This money has been forwarded to the Red Cross to help with their humanitarian work in this area.

**This year's knitting project of beanies and slippers for Hanan and Kowhai kindergartens, along with Family Works is going really well.** The first delivery has been made, and another is due soon.

**Family Work's request for cot blankets has made our members think** outside the square - so to speak. Along with the knitted gloves and rugs we will be collecting good double bed blankets surplus to your needs. These blankets will be cut into quarters, then crocheted or bound round.

If you can help in anyway with this worthwhile project please contact Elaine at :Ph. 686.0870.

Elaine



## Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 12 June  
8am to 9am  
St Stephen's Lounge  
come and pray for the church  
All welcome



Bring a healthy snack for your child  
Morning tea for carers supplied  
Contact Helen 021768973 for more info  
[www.timarupres.org.nz](http://www.timarupres.org.nz)

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10-11am Trinity Hall College Rd  
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## In Memoriam



Nancye Latimer

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



# Girls' Brigade.

Following devotions from Matthew 25: 14 – 30 The Parable of the Three Servants. God given talents. The girls and leaders were invited to talk about the gifts/talents they have and to give thanks to God for them.

They can Dance, sing, play the piano, cello, euphonium and draw. Also they are good at maths, can sew and cook.

**The Girls' Brigade** are rehearsing their routine to present at the Fonomarae in Waikanae 9-15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The photos show the movement to the song 'I'm Trusting You' by the Lifetree Kids. It was fantastic.



**Back:** Suzanne, Alexia, Penny, Fiona

**Front:** Juliette, Amythyst, Amy, Elina and Gaewn.

I believe the group may get to try these movements and sing the lyrics at the Girls Brigade Church Parade on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Look it up on youtube. It has a real catchy tune.

*Helen.*

# Trinity Kitchen Upgrade

The first official users of the upgraded Trinity Kitchen was the **Girls' Brigade**. Members of the Brigade and friends tested out the newly upgraded kitchen making cheese rolls for a fundraiser.







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## Holiday Programme

12 - 14 July

9am to 12noon

for ages 5 to 12 years

Theme - 'I Wonder'

at St Stephens Church, 349 Wai-iti  
Road, Timaru

\$5 per child per day

Enrol on our church

website: [www.timarupres.org.nz](http://www.timarupres.org.nz)

## Bits and bobs from the kitchen drawer...

St Paul's Parish  
Morning Worship  
13 May 2007

Home and Family Sunday



*We gather "to know Christ and to make Him known"*

### WELCOME AND NOTICES

#### I OWE MY MOTHER

- 1 My mother taught me LOGIC – "Because I said so, that's why."
- 2 My mother taught me ANTICIPATION – "Just wait until we get home."
- 3 My mother taught me GENETICS – "You're just like your father."
- 4 My mother taught me ESP – "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- 5 My Mother taught me RELIGION – "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 6 My mother taught me FORESIGHT – "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- 7 My mother taught me about JUSTICE – "One day you will have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD

# PLANT SALE



Flower plants, vegetable plants,  
All the usual stalls, and some surprises

9am Saturday, 18 September

I have noted that HOSTAS, PEONIES and TRILLIUMS are good sellers at our PLANT SALE bringing in that extra money.  
Can you help by growing or giving a plant to pot up.

Please contact Bev 686 1207 if you can help in anyway-

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

**ST Stephens Church 22nd JUNE at 12 noon**

It was rewarding to see a large gathering come to share and have fellowship with others at our last dinner.

This is a community outreach and we delighted to see people responding.

**We serve a 2 course meal  
with tea and coffee to follow at cost of \$10.**

Recently we have had improvements to our kitchen, with a new stove and now have a wonderful work bench.

More improvements are in the plan.  
Thanks to donations and profit from our Dinner.

**Contacts:** Bev 686 1207 Sid 684 3478  
Church office 686 0981

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

13 June	9.30am Worship at Trinity, 22 College Rd GB & BB Parade 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
20 June	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay Car Park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
27 June	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
4 July	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
11 July	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 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 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, 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

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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 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 .

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP**

The June Meeting will be our Mid Winter Lunch Date to be held on **Wednesday 16 June at "The village Café" Highfield Village Mall.** Members please be at the Café by 11.45am before the midday rush. All Ladies of the Parish welcome.

Numbers attending to Dawn 686 0595 no later than Monday 14 June. Apologies or rides required please contact Dawn.

**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 Wednesday 23 June at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm. Contact: Brent

**Prayer Workshop** - Saturday 19 June 10am to 12noon. The workshop is mainly for the people who do Prayers for Others at Church, but also those who wish to deepen their understanding on prayer.

**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, e-mail [mama@newfrankland.org](mailto:mama@newfrankland.org)) or through the office.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** Our next lunch is 22nd June at 12 noon St Stephens Church Hall. Cost \$10 payable at the door.

Come bring your friends and enjoy sharing a meal.

Contact Bev Ph 6861207, Community Group, Sid Ph 6843478 or the Parish office Ph 6860981

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 20th of June.

**Theme 'Reflection for World Environmental Day'**

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 03 685 6126

# **TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH**

## **Worship Centres**

**349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru**

**22 College Rd, Timaru South**

**[www.timarupres.org.nz](http://www.timarupres.org.nz)**

### **Parish Office**

349 Wai-iti Rd Phone: 686-0981

email: [oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:oneoffice@timarupres.org.nz)

Financial matters: [finance@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:finance@timarupres.org.nz)

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

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## **LINK DEADLINE**

Copy for the July-August LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 9 July.



# Girls Brigade



**Above:** Penny, Juliet and Amy with some of the articles they made during our sewing badge. We made large draw string bags, a small rice bag for their pockets, large rice bags, fruit and veggie bags and hand sanitizer bags so they can carry it to school and the girls ironed transfers on to a pillow case. The girls have been very busy

*Fiona.*

**Below:** Zoe, Ella and Lera working on their rice bags



## **Eat Well Fruit & Vege Co-op**

**22 College Rd & 349 Wai-iti Road**



**Family pack**

**\$15**

**Small pack**

**\$10**



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# The Rubbish Challenge

## Step 5): June FOOD

**Bible verse:** John 6: 12 *When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted.”*

### ‘Big Idea’

God created wonderful processes for all things to break down and be remade into new things, ‘so that nothing is wasted’. Rot and decay get a ‘bad rep’ in the Bible, in fact Paul describes all of creation as “in bondage to decay” (Romans 8:21). But in our day we have a new appreciation for the importance of decomposition, as God’s ‘circle’ way of sustaining life through returning nutrients to the soil.

### Question - for reflection & discussion

How do you feel about composting and decomposing food?

Can you see God at work in rot and decay?

How can you ensure that your food scraps get composted, and able to feed new life?

### Action Step for June

Set up a system so that all food waste goes into organic collection or the compost.

If you have a City Council organic waste collection, this is the green bin, and every home, church or office should be using this as much as possible.

You need a food scraps container on (or under) your kitchen bench (e.g. a metal pot with lid). It needs to be:

easy to use and easy to clean  
with no plastic bag liner  
clearly labelled

Who will empty it and clean it?

If you can, set up a composting system or worm farm. You can even hire one!

Have less land-fill rubbish bins; not every room needs a bin!

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, as you gathered the scraps after feeding the people  
inspire us to gather our left-overs to feed the soil  
that death may transform into new life  
and nothing may go to waste.

Amen