

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



## *Rolling along*



***Read more about The Bible Society cheesy afternoons on page 7***

*See back page for this months rubbish challenge.*

## What's been happening?



**Above:** At TPP Kids Playgroup over the last month we have Celebrated two birthdays with Luke turning 3 and Eva turning 2

**Left:** Margaret Bruce ( left) of Family Works, receives some of the beautiful, cosy cot blankets donated by the Timaru Presbyterian mission group. Joy Elliott and Dawn Ussher proudly delivered the blankets as well as hats, slippers, socks and jerseys to help Family Works support South Canterbury families.

# Editorial



## Parish Council elections

Like all Presbyterian churches, our Parish is governed by a church council made up of leaders and elders from the parish. In our case, the Parish Council is made of up to 9 members, plus the parish clerk. These members are the trustees of the organisation, and have voting rights. In addition to this, the ministers are members of the parish council, but they are not trustees, and they do not vote. Currently our Parish Council consists of seven members, plus the clerk and ministers. At our AGM, two current members of Parish Council are stepping down, and one is completing their 3 year term and is eligible for re-election.

We owe our thanks and gratitude to Jim Garden and Bev Quigley who have faithfully and wisely served our church for many years in this capacity.

Hermann Frank has also reached the end of another 3 year term on Council, and is willing to be nominated again.

This means that at our AGM we can elect up to 5 members to Parish Council. Nominees must receive votes from at least 50% of eligible voters at the AGM to be elected. We hope that at least 3 people will be elected to serve in this way.

## What sort of person are we looking for?

Parish Council is primarily a governance group, guiding the vision and direction of the parish. We are looking for people who:

- Love Jesus and love our church

- Are committed to the vision of Timaru Presbyterian (listed below)

- Willing to share in Christ's Ministry among us**

- Would consider a call to eldership in a form that suits your own gifts and calling.

- Be prepared to work as part of a team, offering robust discernment while accepting and supporting the decisions of the Council.

- A good listener

- Acceptance of Presbyterian governance of the church

- Support togetherness in the Parish

- Compassion and respect for others

- A willingness to share your gifts and talents

Nomination forms are available at the church office, and must be

completed and returned by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

## Our Vision

We are an outward looking church. We will engage with the people of Timaru with passion, enthusiasm and energy, **living & sharing God's love**; Listening to and caring for community needs, so people find meaning through knowing God and move forward in faith.

## July Parish Council Report

Devotions were held by Murray. He had several short Bible readings highlighting the importance and value of friendships. Friends help each other, show empathy and trust.

*A request for using a bouncy castle at a birthday party in the Trinity Community Centre raised some concerns about Health & Safety issues. A detailed Health & Safety plan will be required which needs to be approved by our designated officer.*

The Parish Mission Plan is going to be updated and should be available at the AGM in August.

The kitchen upgrade at the Trinity Community Centre is completed. The purpose-designed kitchen looks so much more attractive and functional and groups have already started to use it. The official opening was recently and various groups were invited to this occasion. Rory thanked all involved, especially the tradespeople and donors. The Courier published an article about the opening. The property group is working on the insurance claim for potential hail damage at the Trinity church and centre.

The pay rates for office staff and treasurer have been reviewed. The council decided to follow the recommendations from Eion Powell and increase the rates accordingly.

The Parish is running a holiday programme again in the first week of the winter holidays and preparations are in full swing.

The budget for this year was the focus of a detailed discussion. A draft operating budget and a separate capital expenditure budget were presented and a few items need to be clarified and fine-

tuned. It is likely that the advertisement in the Timaru Herald for Sunday services will be discontinued. Most people use other avenues for information and so the cost/benefit value does not seem to justify this.

Jim Garden and Bev Quigley are retiring from Parish Council. Nominations for new members are sought. It was decided that at the AGM, nominations will be voted on by secret ballot.

*Hermann.*

## **NEWS from the MISSION GROUP**

Our annual winter knitting project is going extremely well with such a lovely array of colourful, warm garments and cosy rugs that have been made.

Our second delivery is about to take place with approximately 40 beanies, 35 slippers, 1 jumper, as well as a lovely selection of cot blankets. Two of these were crocheted, 3 were knitted and the others were made from blanket pieces and have either a bound or crocheted edge.

Kowhai Kindergarten really appreciated getting our winter knitting, and have a display on a table near the entrance where parents or caregivers are able to select what their child needs.

**June's Bucket Mission raised \$351.30 for Child Rescue from Exploitation.** The July Bucket Mission just held, was for COVID Assistance in Fiji, and the money collected will be forwarded to Save the Children fund for distribution. The following month the collection will be for the Gloriavale Leavers Trust, and in September it will probably be for Global Mission in Vanuatu. Recently we have received thank you notes from Christian World Service and the Hanan Kindergarten for our donations.

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## Mission Group Requests

1. Eatwell is in need of a computer literate person able to do Excel spread sheets for a 6 to 8 week period in August/September - contact Andrea for more details. Ph.686 1575.
2. Family Works have a good supply of baby garments (bootees, singlets etc.) at the moment, but are in desperate need of warm knitted jerseys for the 2 -5 age group. There is a small selection of wool in both church foyers that maybe of use.

Can you help?

Elaine.

9:30-11am Thursdays

See you there

Bring a healthy snack for your child  
Morning tea for carers supplied  
Contact Helen 021768973 for more info  
www.timarupres.org.nz

Gold Coin Donation  
**PLAYGROUP**  
play & learn for preschoolers

Trinity Community College

See you after the school holidays

Every Tuesday morning during school term  
10-11am Trinity Hall College Rd  
Gold Coin Donation

rhythm kids  
music and movement for 3-5 year olds

## In Memoriam

Maitel Moffat

John Ashwell and George Boorer

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

# The Bible Society Roll up

The Bible Society made cheese-rolls for their annual cheese-roll fundraiser on Saturday 19 June, Saturday 3 July and Sunday afternoon 4 July.

We had helpers from different churches with many helpers from the Presbyterian church. We made about 670 dozen cheese-rolls. Thanks to all the helpers and to everybody who ordered cheese-rolls. The proceeds will go to bibles for China.

Evi





# CHRISTMAS ON THE BAY CHOIR Auditions

## Do you...

- 🎵 Love to sing?
- 🎵 Want to sing to an audience of 5,000 people?
- 🎵 Want to be part of one of Timaru's largest community events?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions then... **WE WANT YOU!**

**We are looking for singers of all ages to become part of the Christmas on the Bay Community Choir.**

**CHRISTMAS ON THE BAY** is a fundraiser for Presbyterian Support South Canterbury's Family Works service — a child-centred and family-focused social service, providing a wide range of strengths-based services to support children and families to learn, grow and thrive. Services include: Family social workers,

counselling, social workers in schools, Family START service, parenting through separation, family violence programmes, parenting programmes, children's programmes, buddy mentoring programme, strengthening family's co-ordination, grandparents raising grandchildren and our food bank.

in association with...

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Blackham & Co

## Auditions

Auditions to be held at:  
**St Stephens Church,**  
349 Wai-iti Road, Timaru  
**7 to 9pm**  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August &  
Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

To find out more or to book your audition time contact:

**Heather Harding**  
📞 027 6688 245  
✉️ heather@hardingconstruction.co.nz

Family Works operates at an approximate \$450,000 deficit each year; this deficit is so we can provide extra services that are not government funded, including some of our programmes and counselling services for adults in our community.

# From the Alpine Presbytery Newsletter

24 July - Preaching Parables Workshop  
with Geoff New - Christchurch.

28 August - Presbytery Gathering  
(Elders Day) in Timaru

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

You can't light a candle  
To show others the way  
Without feeling the warmth  
Of that bright, little ray.

Church Ladies

A couple of notices that appeared in various Church bulletins or were announced in Church services:-

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

# A LANDMARK OCCASION

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, a special morning tea was held in the Trinity Community Centre celebrating completion of the kitchen upgrade and refurbishment.

The task had been in the sights of the Trinity Property group for some months and stymied to some extent by the pandemic, and associated hold ups with availability of materials and work overload of trade persons.

The morning tea was a delightful occasion attended by parish people, contractors, Alpine Presbytery representatives, centre tenants and friends of the church.

All were unanimous and positive in praise of the work done and the general layout. This was quite substantial, with stripping and replacement of the walls and ceiling, new flooring, appliances and whiteware including an additional stove and commercial dishwasher, stainless steel **benches... and completing the picture** - extensive new joinery.

The project was carried out well within the budgeted figure of \$80,000, greatly assisted, with funding from the past groups - **Chalmers' Friendship Centre and St Pauls' Lunch Group. A grant from the Alpine Presbytery Mission Fund** of \$10,000 covered most of the whiteware and appliances. In addition, we were fortunate to have all new lighting donated by Kevin Pateman, and a handwash basin from Harding Construction.

It is hoped that this project, together with others in the planning stage, such as upgrading the toilets and improving the heating, will help in achieving our aim to provide a safe and enjoyable gathering place for all facets of our local community.

We are enthused by the noticeable spirit of involvement and ownership that is developing within the various groups as they become comfortable in our facilities, and a culture of mutual learning and understanding is fostered.

Ken

**Photo on next page:** Morning tea to celebrate the completion of the new kitchen at Trinity Community Centre



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 me Bev 6861207. if you can help in anyway-

## Plant Sale on 18 September:

Do you have spare pots for potting up plants for the Plant Sale? If you do, please leave, or pick up from the Church Foyers.



# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

18 July	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay Car Park 9.30am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
25 July	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
1 August	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
8 August	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
15 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

## 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

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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

## Coming Up

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 18th of July.

**Theme 'The Season of Winter'**

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 03 685 6126

**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

Meet Wed 21 July at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre at 12.30pm. Shared lunch. Sales Table. Guest Speaker: Trevor Karton speaking on the modern day '**Fireman**' in **Fire and Emergency** NZ.. All Ladies of the Parish Welcome. Apologies or rides please  
Contact: Dianne ph 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 Wednesday 28 July at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm. Contact: Brent

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** Our next lunch is 27th July at 12 noon at St Stephens Church Hall.

We extend a warm welcome to all who wish to join us. Cost of a 2 course meal with tea and coffee \$10 payable at the door.

To book your place for the meal please

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

# 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

### ***Ministry Team Leader***

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*Not available Fridays*

### ***Minister***

Rory Grant 686-1575, 0275705156 [rory@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:rory@timarupres.org.nz)

*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

Judith Begg 688-6004, [parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:parishclerk@timarupres.org.nz)

## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the August-September LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 6 August.

# Girls Brigade

Junior Girl's Brigade made homemade soup chicken, and corn as well as vege soup, with mixed reactions, but they enjoyed the cooking

*Fiona.*



**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](mailto:eatwell@timarupres.org.nz)**

# The Rubbish Challenge

## Step 5): July: Paper Towels

**Bible verse:** Luke 21:1-4 *Jesus saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them."*

### 'Big Idea'

Paper towels are the biggest single item filling our rubbish bins. A paper towel is small and seems insignificant, but it adds up to a huge impact. Placing them into organic waste is a simple humble act of service.

### Questions - for reflection & discussion

How do you respond to the idea that Jesus admires small acts of love?

How does this relate to how we deal with the rubbish?

**Watch video** at [www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html](http://www.conversations.net.nz/rubbish-challenge.html)

### Action Step for July

Set up a simple system to get paper towels into organic waste collection.

Each paper towel dispenser needs to have, right underneath it, a **'Paper Towel Only' bin, with no plastic bag liner, which gets emptied into the organic waste.**

What other paper waste could be put into composting?

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, your ways are humble and good -  
May we be your hands in service to your world.  
May we show your heart to care, even in little ways,  
for others and for this earth you made so well.

Amen

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