

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Monday 24th January, Isobel McKinnon, Lyn Kirkland, Dorothy Gardener, Ann Munro and Nona Johnston rose to the call to help Helen with the cleaning of the seats at the Trinity Community Centre. Enthusiasm, energy and laughter got the 25 seats cleaned in 40minutes!!! Wow! An awesome effort. Thanks everyone.

*See Page 11 for details on Reflection Study Group*

*See the back page for details on the next Recycle or Upcycle Market*

# What's been happening?

A big thank you

A big thank you to all who contributed New World stickers which enabled me to redeem them for nine pieces of bakeware to go to the Family Works food bank. Individually they may not have been of value, but collectively they have achieved something very worth while.

Dawn Ussher



## Collection of toiletries for Woman's Refuge



***Do you have any used batteries that you aren't sure how to dispose of safely?***

To help solve this issue there is a bucket in the foyer at each church.

**WE NEED YOU!**



At Trinity we would like a little help with the data projector and sound desk operation.

If you are keen to help please contact the office 686-0981

No experience required. Training is available.



# MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

# WAITANGI DAY

6 FEBRUARY 2022



*Writing this message has caused me to reflect deeply on where I stand in terms of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.*

I acknowledge that I am not the tuakana (elder brother) here but rather the taina (younger brother) needing to listen and learn.

My earliest engagement with tikanga Māori in the Church was at Knox College in the early 1980s as a fellow student of the Very Rev Tame Takao QSM - who left the Hall to become Moderator of the General Assembly! A kind and gentle mentor of things Māori.

Time spent with Te Ake Puaho at Te Maungarongo, Ohope Marae over the years has been inspirational. Currently, I am meeting early Monday mornings with a friend who is a wise kuia, to chat, to talk tikanga, practice Te Reo and work our way through one of Scotty Morrison's Māori Made Easy workbooks. From these teachers I have learnt to love the language, to dig into my whakapapa and tūrangawaewae. The river and mountain that I identify with are visible on my daily bike ride to work - embracing my mihi has beautifully deepened my sense of place.

New Zealand's younger generations are helping too. Struggling with my pronunciation at a Te Reo course recently, I was amazed at the fluency of the younger members of the class. Watching the way Te Reo is naturally incorporated into the education of my grandchildren gives me a deeper understanding as to why this is so. While some of my generation grumble about all manner of things to do with Māori in our society, the younger generation don't just accept it, they embrace it and celebrate it the way it should be. It is so good to see the younger generation leading the way here.

You can see it in the Church as well. On my journeys as Moderator, I see and hear what is going on. I have been impressed to hear what younger ministers like Mo Morgan at St James at Whanganui, Sebastian Murrhly at Knox Waitara, Jono Barb at Linwood Union and Brendon McRae at Flagstaff Community Church are all doing to honour the Treaty in their context.

Maybe this is the taina leading the tuakana! And doing so in a way that brings bubbling joy and hope to this nation's bicultural journey, and our Church's part in it.

*Right Rev Hamish Galloway*

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand  
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# February Parish Council Report

The first meeting of the Parish Council was held on 26 January, a week earlier than usual to deal with the change in Covid response settings from orange to red. Highlights from the meeting:

- Joy Elliott led devotions from Philippians 4, encouraging us to take our cares and anxieties to God in prayer and draw from God's strength and comfort. This was a timely reminder given the heightened community anxiety around what is expected to be a large outbreak of the omicron variant.

- Rev Rory expressed his heartfelt thanks to Council for their support of him and his family through a very trying time over the past 2 months.

- Clarity around our health and safety protocols as they relate to our Covid response was sought with the following being key points:

- Masks are required to be worn by staff (paid and volunteer) at our gatherings.

- Masks are optional but encouraged for those attending gatherings.

- Gatherings are restricted to 100 people.

- Food and drink can continue to be served at our gatherings.

- Vaccine passes will be required for all those using our buildings.

- Various items of correspondence were received and addressed.

Of note was a letter of thanks from Family Works for the support we had offered over the past year. We value this partnership with Presbyterian Support as they work in areas of need in our community.

- We discussed the need to strengthen our property group for St Stephen's to deal with the pending improvement programme for the year ahead.

- Our pastoral elder (Lois Shipley) reported on her work with the elders and pastoral group in devising new ways to address the growing pastoral needs in our congregation. This has been made more challenging by the Covid situation and as we wait for the next wave we will need to prepare ourselves to support those around us in need.

- Our mission enablers (Helen Carter, Joy Elliott) have enjoyed a refreshing break but are bursting with ideas and energy for the year ahead.

They are keen to launch another Reflections pop up study group, especially for the Lenten season leading into Easter. They are planning another Upcycle/Recycle market to be held at the Trinity centre on 26th March. They have also been in conversation with Family Works to provide cooking lessons for some of their clients. These are exciting initiatives!

- Helen Carter reported on the outreach programmes from the Trinity Centre. Rhythm Kids will kick off on Feb 8 and there has been a move on from families whose children have reached school or kindy age so she will do some more advertising in the community. Playgroup will also get a rejigged programme this year to keep it fresh and meet the needs of those who attend. Yoga for seniors has been very popular with around 25 people attending regularly. A new TV on a portable stand is planned which will support these programmes (and more) this year.

- Rev Brent reported that he has been asked to be the Interim Moderator for Trinity Temuka in the wake of the resignation of Rev Gene Lawrence.

Brent



## Hearing Aid Saga

Those of us that have a slight hearing loss know how frustrating Covid masks can be as they frequently dislodge our hearing aids.

Well this is exactly what happened to one of our parishioners just before Christmas. She was adjusting her mask in the Trinity car park in readiness to go inside for the service when one of her precious hearing aid was dislodged into the unknown. More than a dozen parishioners searched the drive to no avail.

A couple of days later, after her insurance company had been contacted, and an appointment had been made with the audiologist, the troublesome little hearing aid turned up. When the donated food stuffs were being packed in readiness to take down to the Food Bank at Family Works our alert packer spotted a little pink hearing aid that was lying in the bottom of one of the bags. Talk about luck!

E.F.

# Snippets from the Mission Group Meeting

The first Mission Group meeting was held recently with the added incumberance of masks. Something that none of us really enjoy wearing.

The recent Mission Moment was extremely well received with an amazing amount of \$676.00 being raised for the Tongan Red Cross Tsunami Appeal. This Mission Moment was an unplanned one, so the committee decided to postpone the arranged event for February and the next one will **now be held on 6th March. The topic will be 'Food for Families,' and this collection for Family Works will be a combined collection of food stuffs and money.**

Recently our group was asked to arrange a collection of any surplus New World stickers. The response was great, which enabled Family Works to get nine lovely baking/pie dishes for their clients.

Buy and Supply has been running successfully over the holiday period with **an amazing \$384.70 being raised for Family Work's Grandparent's raising Grandchildren programme.** This topic ended just before Christmas, and **the current one is for a 'Large New Screen for Trinity Hall.'** To date **\$103** has been collected, and this topic will continue on until Sunday 13th March.

Planning for all the activities held in Trinity Hall is currently underway at present, and the existence of all the COVID rules is making this quite **challenging. Quite a few of our Rhythm Kids "Foundation Pupils "** are now new entrants at various primary schools.

Several of these children had their birthday parties in the Trinity Hall, which had the added bonus of the use of the lovely selection of toys stored under the stage.

Elaine F.



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

13 January 2022

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Dear Members

Family Works would like to thank you for your generous support throughout 2021. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The pandemic has certainly highlighted new challenges for how we support our families during this unusual time. We continue to support families by providing food parcels to the clients we work with including emergency food parcels to those in the community. We also network alongside other agencies who at times request food parcels for their clients.

In addition to food parcels we appreciate the opportunity to support families with warm clothing. Receiving beautiful donated knitting enables us to provide items to assist families, ensuring they have warm clothing throughout the colder months.

An example of how we support families includes families who attend a Family Works parenting course Incredible Years Parenting Programme. This programme is run twice a year and is another avenue we are able to reach families. Throughout the semester staff are able to assess any needs they may need help with. This may include food and/or warm clothing.

Family Start is another service we provide for families of young babies. Workers visit families in their homes supporting them in various ways. Having the resources available to support them with warm clothing and/or food is a wonderful way we can be of help in their situation if needed.

Thank you for the wonderful work you do.

Yours sincerely

Liz Nolan  
Manager

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday, 10.30am via YouTube.

Type **Timaru Presbyterian Parish** in the Search bar.

13 February	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
20 February	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 February	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
6 March	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
13 March	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 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

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

**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. \$3 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 .

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

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP** The February Meeting of Lunch Group will be held on Wednesday 16 February at the Wai-iti Road Worship Centre starting at 12.30pm with a shared lunch. Sales Table will be operating. Guest Speaker will be Elisabeth Demmer one of our own members speaking on her stay in MIQ in Auckland.  
Apologies or rides required please Contact Dianne 6860440.

**Jam Session** is on Wednesday 16th February at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm. Contact: Brent

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 20 February.  
All welcome.  
Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

**Upcycle/Recycle market** on Saturday 26 March at Trinity Hall.  
Vaccine Passes required.

**World Day of Prayer** St Stephens will be the venue on Friday 4 March at 2pm to celebrate World Day of Prayer [written by Women from a different country each year].

# TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

## Worship Centres

349 Wai-iti Rd, Glenwood, Timaru

22 College Rd, Timaru South

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Closed 12-1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

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*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

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

## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the March-April LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 4th March.

# Reflections study group

starting on  
Monday 7 March  
at  
10.30am  
in the church  
at  
St Stephens,  
running for  
6 weeks.

## **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)**

# RECYCLE OR

## MARKET DAY

to be held on  
**Saturday 26 March**  
at Trinity Hall,  
subject to Omicron.

RECYCLE



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