

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



*For details of Easter and other services.  
see pages 6 & 12*

Photo from Easter Service at Caroline Bay back in 2018



## What's been happening?



**Top left:** Jackson and Charlie MacLeod helping grandad harvest his pumpkin as part of community service

**Top Right:** Company section raising funds to buy Christmas present for PSS. The boys have done gardening,

mowing lawns, washing cars, and next week painting a fence for a parent

**Below:** Anchor boys and team section made planes. Thanks to Mitre 10 who gave us discount on our kit sets. The boys had so much fun making the planes.

Fiona



## Moderator's 2022 Easter message

PASSIONATELY HOPEFUL!

I lived in Christchurch through the Christchurch earthquakes. There was a lot to be despondent about. People were looking for signs of hope. The signs came in lots of different ways. One that really lifted many people was the street art that sprung up on the sides of buildings. Another was the increasing numbers coming to church on a Sunday.

At Hope Presbyterian we decided on a mission statement which led with, **'Building Hope in a Broken World'**. This seemed to strike a chord with people who were longing for meaning and hope in difficult times.

I was remembering this as I reflected on our most recent struggles. COVID weariness; an accelerating gap between rich and poor driven by out-of-control house prices; and now, our dismay at the brutal invasion of Ukraine! Where is the hope? How does it break in?

I like the glimpse of hope in the words of Leonard Cohen:

***"Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That is how the light gets in."**\**

And so, easing of Covid restrictions, and peace talks in Ukraine that are edging towards cessation of war, these are signs of light shining through the cracks of despair.

To that, we Christians add a faithful voice drawing attention to the first cracks of dawning light at sunrise on the third day, which transformed the despair of the cross to something filled with hope.

This faith of ours - that the resurrection transforms the seeming despair of the cross into a world-changing victory of life over death, forgiveness over sin and good over evil - remains as powerful and relevant as ever!

As church bells ring out around our Church this Easter, may they toll a message of ultimate hope to a tired people in despairing times.

*\*Lyrics from 'Anthem' by Leonard Cohen from the album 'The Future', 1992.*

**Right Rev Hamish Galloway**

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# April Parish Council Report

- Joy Elliot led our devotions based on a reading of Psalm 139 reminding us that the Lord knows us intimately. To be thus known is to be fully loved by God and in this lies our peace and security.
- Council spent considerable time looking at our health and safety settings in light of the recent changes to the governments vaccine mandate requirements. After re-assessing the risks to our congregation and building users it was decided that our **vaccine pass requirement for entry to our buildings be lifted from Thursday 7 April**. Groups using our facilities will be required to clean contact surfaces after use.
- Plans to establish a community garden at the Trinity centre and the parallel project of cooking lessons in partnership with Family Works received positive support from Council. This project will be funded through the Alpine Presbytery 'Have a go Fund', which grants \$1000 to projects seeking to connect with the community.
- The Admin report highlighted a 8.75% decrease in income against budget at the three quarter mark through the year. The main contributor to this fall in income is the reduced number of people hiring our facilities due to Covid. There was a corresponding decrease in expenses of 7.86% so the result is our deficit is slightly lower than projected.
- Work is continuing on analysing quotes for the replacement of the hail damaged roofs at Trinity and we are near a decision on this.
- Our Mission enablers report contained lots of positive things happening around our parish and new ideas bubbling to the surface. They will be holding a Upcycle/Recycle market day to raise funds for a new TV for the Trinity centre that will be of great benefit to the many groups using that facility. There are plans to host a gathering of interested community folk to gauge interests and needs in the neighbourhood with a view to helping meet these needs where possible. It was reported that the Rhythm Kids programme has seen a significant drop in attendance due to Covid related issues as well as children moving on to pre-school so this is in a rebuilding phase.
- Rev Brent applied and was granted study leave of 76 days to be

taken between April and June 2023 in Cambridge, England. His study topic is yet to be determined but planning is underway for this.

•Andrea Grant thanked council and the wider church family for the support they received while isolating with covid in the household.

## **Snippets from the Mission Group Meeting**

Each evening we see scenes of the Ukrainian War on our TV screens that are truly upsetting. Our latest Bucket Mission which was for Christian **World Service's humanitarian appeal for Ukraine** indicated our generous support for this very needy cause when \$379.40 was raised.

Buy and Supply is also raising money for this CWS appeal at present, so please support this by either buying or supplying.

**The next bucket mission in April will be for St. John's Charity Bus Service** taking patients to Christchurch Hospital.

There are plans to have a small community garden in the Trinity Church grounds, and to have cooking sessions in the hall. (Our modernised kitchen is ideal for this outreach).

**It's time to get those knitting needles clicking again!** Family Works have advised our Mission Group that they would really appreciate some winter knitting. They have suggested the following items:

- Baby Singlets
- Fingerless Gloves (for children)
- Slippers and socks
- Cot size or single bed blankets

Hope this list gives you some ideas of what to knit.

Due to the big demand for food parcels for families with budgeting difficulties and those in Covid isolation, Family Works are in need of empty **egg cartons to refill (6's and 12's size)**. These can be put in the food bank box, or nearby.

If you have some recent magazines to spare, Family Works would appreciate these as well for inclusion in the Covid isolation boxes.

Elaine.

Photo of last years Dawn Sunday Service



# Easter 2022

*Maundy Thursday 14 April*

6.45pm The Miracle Maker movie  
@ St Stephens

*Good Friday 15 April*

10.00am—Family Friendly Service  
@ St Mary's, 24 Church Street

*Easter Sunday Services 17 April*

7.00am Dawn Service at Caroline Bay  
in front of the Observation Deck

10.30am Combined @ St Stephens,  
349 Wai-iti Rd



**COMPLETE  
THE MAZE  
TO FIND  
THE  
HIDDEN  
BIBLE  
VERSE.**



A large maze containing various words and phrases. The words are arranged in a way that only one path leads from the start to the end, forming a hidden Bible verse. The words include: "Oops.", "either.", "so", "God", "loved", "the", "world,", "Dead-end.", "For", "that", "Nope.", "he", "gave", "his", "his", "only", "his", "was", "a", "path", "bad", "very", "this", "not", "take", "to", "hello.", "because", "Hello,", "this", "only", "it", "keeps", "going", "and", "you", "that", "begotten Son,", "whosoever", "believe", "You", "if", "should", "Really?", "think", "you're not.", "but", "are", "him", "not", "perish", "lost.", "have", "John", "life.", "everlasting", "you're getting", "where", "John", "life.", "16".

# EASTER COOKIES



## Ingredients:

- 1 cup pecans
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg whites (use large eggs)
- Pinch of salt

## Supplies:

- Resealable bag
- Wooden spoon/rolling pin
- Tape
- 2 cookie sheets
- Parchment paper
- Bible
- teaspoon
- mixer and bowl

## Instructions:

Preheat oven to 300° F/150° C.

Place pecans in bag and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. **Read John 19:1-3.**

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink.

**Read John 19:28-30.**

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. **Read John 10: 10-11.**

**Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27**

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing, are they? Now add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. **Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16.**

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. **Explain that the colour white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.**

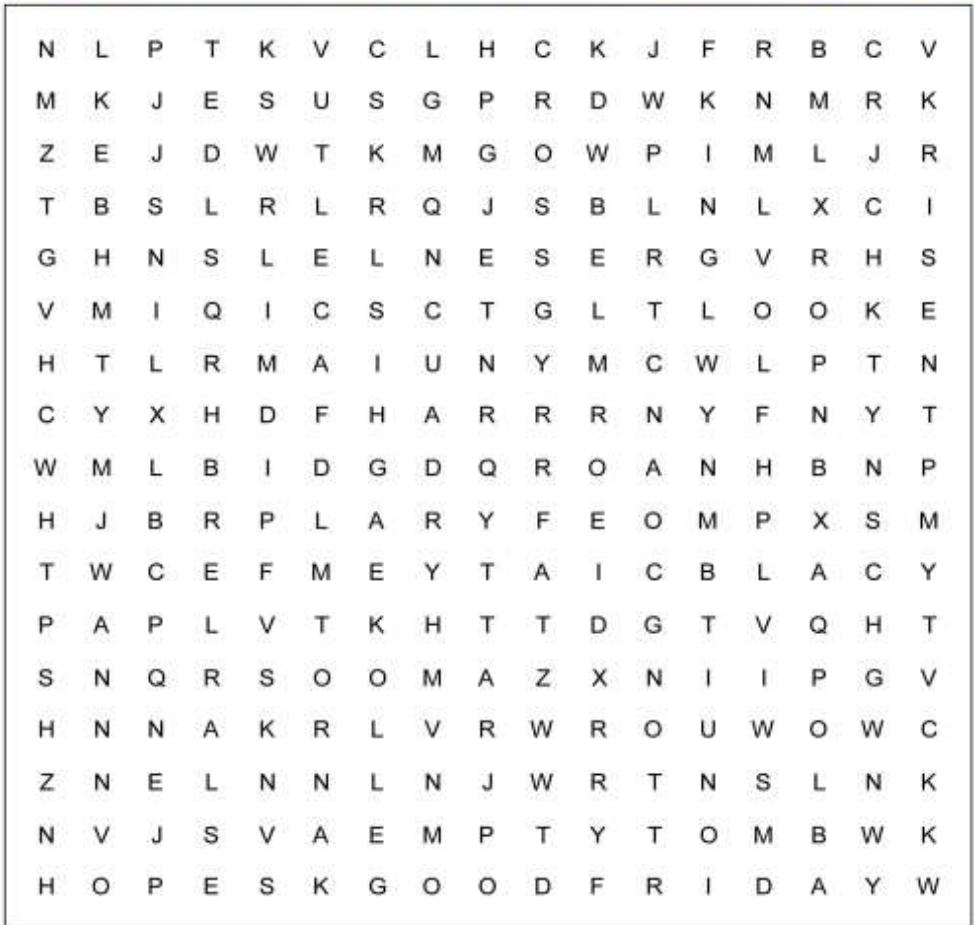
Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto lined cookie sheets. Explain that **each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.**

Put the cookies in the oven, close the door and turn the oven **OFF**. (If you have a gas oven leave on for 8-10 min, then turn off). Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door closed. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. **Read Matthew 27:65-66.**

Go to bed! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven over night, however, Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. **Read John 16:20 & 22.**

On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. **The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.**

# Easter Word Find



Angel

Holy

Messiah

Savior

Cross

Hope

Resurrection

Third Day

Crown of Thorns

Jesus

Risen

Easter

King

Sacrifice

Empty Tomb

Love

Salvation

Good Friday

Mary

Sunday





## Residents in our specialist dementia Lorna Home, could use your help

Presbyterian Support South Canterbury's Lorna Home was opened in June 2021. It is a specialist high level dementia home located in Enliven The Croft Timaru.

Our residents need your help to create a very specialised sensory room - a space where residents can go that is calming in times of high stress. This equipment is not funded and costs over \$20,000. We are asking for your donations to help us to create this wonderful calming space for our very special residents. Your donation will help many residents for years to come.

To make a donation; visit [www.pssc.org.nz/donate](http://www.pssc.org.nz/donate)

Your support really does make a difference to those living with dementia .

[WWW.PSSC.ORG.NZ/DONATE](http://WWW.PSSC.ORG.NZ/DONATE)

*enliven*



Services are live streamed.  
Or want to listen to it again?



*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.



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

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday, 10.30am via YouTube.

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

<i>17 April</i>	7.00am Dawn Service at Caroline Bay, In front of the Observation Deck 10.30am Combined at St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>24 April</i>	10.30am Combined at St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>1 May</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>8 May</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>15 May</i>	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

**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

**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

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

**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 and bowls. New members welcome. Contact: Sid & Hazel 684 3478.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP** Meets 20 April at Wai-iti Rd Worship Centre starting at 12.30pm with a shared lunch. Sales Table will be operating. Guest Speaker: Jo Skudder-Beswarwick of the YMCA who will speak on the various programmes conducted by them. Especially working towards a S.C. Community Free of Family Violence.

Apologies or ride required please contact Dianne Ph 686 0440

**Jam Session** is on Wednesday 20 April at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm. Contact: Brent

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 15 May.  
All welcome.

Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

*5: And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not. ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6: He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay*

*Matthew 28:5-6*

# 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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### ***Minister***

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*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

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## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the May-June LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 3rd June.

# Anzac Slice with caramel centre *(From Just a Mum website)*

## Ingredients—SLICE

-2 Cups Plain White Flour, 260 grams    -2 Cups Packed Soft Brown Sugar, 400 grams  
-2 Cups Rolled Oats, 190 grams            -1 Cup Desiccated Coconut, 75 grams  
-250 grams Butter, diced                    -4 Tablespoons Golden Syrup, 60 mls  
-2 Tablespoons Water, 30 mls              -1 teaspoon Baking Soda

## CARAMEL FILLING

400 gram Can Sweetened Condensed Milk  
-2 Tbsp Golden Syrup, 30 mls                -60 grams Butter, diced

## TOPPING

½ Cup Chocolate Chips or Dark Chocolate Chopped, 87.5 grams  
1 teaspoon Canola Oil, 5 mls

## Instructions

Preheat Oven to 170C Bake, (335) F

Prepare a 25cm (9 or 10 inch) spring form tin with cooking spray or generously wipe with melted butter over all the surfaces.

In a large bowl combine the Flour, Brown Sugar, Rolled Oats and Coconut, ensuring all the ingredients are well combined and no lumps of sugar remain and set aside.

In a medium saucepan heat the Butter on a low temperature until completely melted, to this add the Golden Syrup and the water and whisk until blended through and remove from the heat.

Add the Baking Soda to the butter mixture and whisk until all dissolved.

Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients and pour in the melted butter mixture.

Mix well to combine with a strong spoon.

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## **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)**

Place 2/3rds of the mixture into the prepared tin and press down firmly until flat and prepare the caramel filling

**CARAMEL FILLING**

In a small saucepan or pot combine condensed milk, butter & golden syrup. Stir over a low to medium heat for 6-8 minutes, until mixture boils, thickens and changes to a slightly darker colour - it may catch so take care to stir constantly. Pour the caramel filling over the slice base and spread evenly Sprinkle the remaining slice crumbs evenly over the top of the caramel, then press this down with your palms until even.

Bake the slice for 20-25 minutes until golden brown, the slice will firm up upon standing.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the tin for 15-20 minutes.

Gently run a knife around the edges before carefully removing the spring form tin. To remove the base simply use two wire racks one on top and one underneath to flip the slice and carefully peel off the base then invert back to the right way up using the same method!

**TOPPING**

Melt the chocolate chips and oil in a small microwave proof 20-30 seconds at a time stirring each time until completely melted.



You can either flick the melted chocolate over the slice off the end of spoon, or as I did add the melted chocolate to a small ziplock bag, then cut a tiny 1-2mm corner of the bag off and you have an easy piping bag! Then flick back and forward quickly over the slice - good tip is to do this over newspaper or you will make a mess like me!

Slice and serve, it is lovely served warm or cold

Slice thin or thick depending on the appetite of the recipient

Enjoy!



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