

# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

*June—July 2022 No 140*

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



## Girls Brigade



The Girls Brigade Juniors made bird feeders using old tea cups as part of caring for God's environment.

Fiona.

## **What's coming up?**

12 June— World Vision services. Pg 9

17-19 June— Silent retreat at Sister Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner. Pg 16

Sat 18 June— Recycle or Upcycle Market day. Pg 16

Sun 19 June— A Night of Worship. Pg 8

24-26 July— Presbytery Retreat in Hanmer.

31 July— Bible Society Quiz. Pg 16

*Trinity Church hail damage see page 10*

# What's been happening?



## Hope West Melton

Saturday 21st May was the official opening of Hope West Melton's new building. Brent Richardson was invited to West Melton, his first Parish, for the dedication of their church buildings.



Company section have been working on poker work this is Jackson and his finished item .

Fiona



"Keep your face always towards the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you"

Walt Whitman



# Editorial

James K Baxter wrote:

*'Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,  
Inside and outside the fences,  
You blow where you wish to blow.'*<sup>1</sup>

How is the Spirit blowing in our Presbyterian paddocks at this time? Or, as Jenny Flett said at the recent Special Assembly in speaking to the **report of The Theology of Property and Money workgroup**, “**At this time in our history, what is the Spirit saying to the Church?**”.

This is a question that exercises me greatly as I move around our Church in my role as Moderator. I see signs of decline. Signals of church communities coming to the end of their life and offering land and buildings for sale. Young people who are searching for meaning and seeking spiritual experiences, yet not seeing our churches as viable places for that searching and seeking. Property and wealth amassed in outdated and underutilised resources.

Yet, I also see wonderful signs of hope. New church buildings completed at Rotorua and West Melton, populated with enthusiastic people and ministries. Capable lay ministry teams leading churches, like Waimate, navigating the faithful through COVID lockdowns and back into being together again in encouraging numbers. East Taieri Church, full of conference goers inspired by the grounded ministry lessons of Andrew and Christine Harrex from Lawrence. And a special character review at Scots College in Wellington which affirmed and celebrated the central place of Presbyterian faith at the centre of the ethos of this bustling, future-facing and vibrant school community.

There is here a collision of despair and possibility. Is the Spirit calling us to be wise in the way we deal with our despair and pivot into our possibility? There are common strategic threads in many of the reports of the recent Assembly that more than hint at the Spirit speaking to us. Just as the Spirit lit up the life of the early church at Pentecost, may we **find ways of winding those threads into a garment of hope for the future**. In another stanza from his poem, James K Baxter put it this way:

*'Lord, Holy Spirit,  
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,  
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,  
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.'*<sup>1</sup>

Right Rev Hamish Galloway

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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1. James K. Baxter, 'Song to the Holy Spirit', in *Collected Poems* (ed. John Edward Weir; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1979), 572

## Yoga for Seniors



2pm on Thursday  
in Hall 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.*



### Hope West Melton

PCANZ Moderator,  
Rt Rev Hamish  
Galloway cutting  
the ribbon.

# June Parish Council Report

Rev Brent welcomed the Parish Council

Steph Holland led devotions talking about worry and referring to some of the Bible verses that are useful to reflect on e.g. Matthew 6: 27, verse 34, Proverbs 12: 25, Matthew 13: 22, Lamentations 3: 22-23. Steph closed in prayer.

Ken Falconer Convenor of the Trinity Property Maintenance Group joined the meeting to explain about the hail damaged Church roof and the Hall roof, Subject to Church Property Trustees approval it is recommended that we accept the quote from Dan Cosgrove 2014 Limited. There will be a brief meeting during the 12 June services to explain this to the congregation.

World Vision will be presenting both services on 12 June to promote child sponsorship and the work of World Vision. There will also be musical coaching provided for music team.

Recycle Upcycle Market Day to be held at Trinity Community Centre on Saturday 18 June at 9am.

As there are only three teens left this year in the Youth Group Margaret Walker will stand down as co-ordinator. A vote of thanks was made to Margaret Walker, Andrea Grant and Brent Richardson for their work with the Youth Group. The teens who were left have made some connections with the St Johns Youth Group.

Some revamping of the Property and Administration Groups.

Brent Richardson has been invited to West Melton for the dedication of **their church buildings. This was Brent's first parish.**

COVID is still governing what can be done pastorally.

May marked five years since Rhythm Kids began and a number of original helpers continue to assist. It is wonderful to have this support. Numbers are low but it is not about the numbers but the quality of attendees.

T P Kids Playgroup got underway again recently.

Yoga for Seniors continues to run well with the support of Robyn and Neville Rawstorn and Lyn Kirkland whose help is invaluable.

Dawn Ussher is joining Rory Grant on the Fairlie Ministry Settlement Board.

Tech desk finally installed at St Stephens and it looks great.

Home communions are going very well.

## News from the Mission Group

For nigh on 8 years Eatwell has been providing nourishing bags of fruit and vegetables for our local customers. The idea for establishing Eatwell came from Andrea Grant who had seen a similar operation up and running in Christchurch. On the day of writing our team of loyal helpers prepared 32 bags. With the cost of produce steadily rising you too may like to join our list of satisfied customers ( see our advertisements for details).

Our annual knitting project is a regular source of surprise. Would you believe 2 of our parishioners who are very keen knitters have made 42 baby singlets between them!

We have even received 3 lovely baby singlets knitted by people not even connected with our parish!

What an amazing feat! The photo shows all the knitted items ready for delivery to Family Works and Hanan Kindergarten - and this is our second delivery. The third and final delivery of knitted items will be made in early July, so you still have time to get creative with the knitting needles!

The following list will give you an idea of the quantity of lovely knitted items from the second collection that have now been delivered:

- 19 - baby singlets
- 6 - fish and chip jerseys
- 6 - baby rugs
- 33 - slippers
- 22 - mittens and fingerless gloves
- 2 - prs. Socks
- 2 - cowls

(If you do not know what fish and chip jerseys are - they are small jumpers with a ribbed yoke and sleeve which aid agencies sent to Africa when they heard that new borns were being sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper ).



Thank you for your generous response to our request for magazines and egg cartons which we forwarded to Family Works for their Covid Assistance Parcels. Family Works now have **plenty of these items, and don't require any more at present.**

Buy and Supply has now finished for the season, but will resume in the spring.

The charities we have supported this round of Buy and Supply are :

**Family Work's** - Grandparents caring for grandchildren, TV for Trinity Hall, **St. John's Charity bus service**, and **Christian World Service's Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid Appeal** x2.

Elaine.

# PCANZ General Assembly

This year the PCANZ General Assembly went online, after being delayed and postponed due to COVID. Rory and Andrea Grant attended as commissioners from Timaru Presbyterian. The Moderator, the Right Reverend Hamish Gallo-way, has set a theme of "Empowering Generations" for his tenure as modera-tor, and we were inspired and challenged by his call to be a church for all generations.

Hamish set the tone for Assembly with his opening devotion from Ephesians chapter 4, emphasising that we are **one church**, and set the tone for our dis-cussions and business to have **"a lilt in our voices and a twinkle in the eye"** - speaking the truth in love. He called us to stand up as a place of unity and maturity in testing times.

This was Andrea's first Assembly and it left quite an impression:

- She felt part of a big church - over 150 commissioners from around the motu - spanning age, experience, ethnicity & gender
- Things happen very quickly - business can be disorienting (a lot of paperwork to read and sort through), but very rewarding getting into topics in depth
- She was impressed by the depth of work happening behind the scenes
- Assembly is made up of people working with wisdom, insight and effort for all of our good. She really felt the benefit of the talents and skills of our wide church.
- There were five big issues that were reflected in many of the proposals discussed: on solutions, there was agreement on the core issue - we need a deeper understanding and empowerment of our call to follow God - not just ministers, not just elders, but all of us called into our gifts and talents, **serving God together. Forming, inspiring, and training our leaders in God's** vision for our church is vitally important for our future flourishing.
- **Theology of Property and Money.** Money is one of the issues that has the power to divide us. While there is still a lot of work to do, we see clearly that freeing our collective wealth to serve our ministry and mission as a Church is vital to our future. We were called to go further in sharing our collective wealth. Amongst other measures, there was an agreement that it is time to review the Church Property Act of 1885 to ensure that it serves our church, rather than the other way around.
- **Bicultural Partnership.** We were passionately called to take into account our historic wealth as a settler church, and how we can be a blessing, rather than a curse to tangata whenua
- **Inclusivity.** Our church has been divided for many years about this issue. There was a proposal, brought jointly by people from both sides of the di-

vide to begin a dialogue that can help us find a way through as a church. It is not perfect, but there is a feeling of hope that we might find some way through, together. We need to work together to get through the things that keep us apart. In this we can be a witness to our divided world.

- **Eco-church.** There is a growing urgency to our church's concern for the environmental crisis hanging over our world. We are called to be stewards of creation as part of our worship of and obedience to God. There were several proposals brought that steered us in this direction.

### This is Us

As the Assembly came to a close, we were left to reflect on the experience as **a whole. General Assembly isn't just** an AGM that we send delegates to because we have to. General Assembly is a gathering of our church, in all of its beauty and brokenness. In one of the dialogue groups the chair of PWANZ, Faaolataga Leasi, shared her reflection on the Assembly: **"This is us". This is us.**

Assembly closed with a whakatauki, a benediction. "E tu Kahikatea".

*E tu kahikatea*

*Hei whakapae ururoa*

*Awahi mai awahi atu*

*Tatou tatou e*

Kahikatea stand together

their roots intertwine

strengthening each other.

We all help one another

and together we will be strong.

Many Blessings,

Rory & Andrea

7 P M  
SUNDAY  
19  
JUNE

the COMBINED CHURCHES of TIMARU

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP  
THROUGH STORIES SONGS & CELEBRATION

HOSTED BY ...  
Life  
CHURCH  
TIMARU  
134 Morgans Road

WITH GRANT NORSWORTHY  
of PAUL COLMAN TRIO, SONICFLOOD & GRAMMY NOMINATED  
producer of *The Blessing* | Aotearoa/NZ

FREE  
ADMISSION

"TPP are proud to partner with World Vision and recording artist Grant Norsworthy and the Timaru Christian Minister's Association to bring this special event to our community".

# World Vision Team visit

We are hosting the World Vision team on the 12th June to learn more about their work and what we as a church community can be involved in. The new approach is aimed at giving the child greater involvement and choice in sponsorship.

## How does being chosen as a child sponsor work?

### First, sign up and submit your photo.

Your name and photo are sent to a community around the world where staff are preparing a time for kids to choose their sponsors. We'll keep you updated via email!



### Then a child will choose YOU.

Some kids have waited years to be chosen by a sponsor. Now it's their turn to choose. Which child will choose you? You'll get a photo of your new sponsored child holding your photo, plus a letter about why you

### You'll see your gifts at work

...

Your **\$39 a month** is combined with other sponsors' gifts to support **community projects** that help your sponsored child and other kids thrive. Clean water, healthcare, nutrition, education — whatever they need. And you'll get regular updates on the changes you're making together.



### ...and celebrate the progress!

Joy travels both ways through love, prayers, and letters as you share the journey with your sponsored child. And the best part? Our approach is already built on empowering kids and communities to build lasting change.

[Learn more about sponsorship](#)

# Trinity Roof Replacement—Insurance Claim



## What's happened?

Some months after the hail storm of November 2019 contractors working on a neighbouring property informed us that we had significant hail damage to the roof of the church and hall at Trinity. This damage was not visible from the ground. The damage is quite extensive and compromises the integrity of the roof over its lifespan. Our insurers have approved a claim to replace the whole roof of the hall, and the pitched roof of the church, as shown below.

## How much will it cost?

The total cost of the insurance job will be in the region of \$140,000. Our congregation's commitment will be to cover the excess of \$1,000, plus any excess work, such as replacing the panes of glass on the church skylight which have been damaged, but are not covered by this claim. We do not anticipate any remedial work on the underlying structure of the roof.

## What do we need to do?

Because we are only liable for the excess, but the total cost of the project exceeds \$50,000, we are required to go through the Church Property Trustees "short form" approval process. This does not require a full congregational meeting, but it does require an indication of congregational support for the project to go ahead. As such, we will be asking for a show of hands in support of this work at both services on Sunday 12 June.

## What about other work on the roofs?

The flat areas of the church roof and the church steeple are excluded from the claim. The flat areas of the roof escaped damage. The copper steeple has superficial damage, but this damage will not affect the lifespan of the roof. It would be complex, and prohibitively expensive to replace. Therefore, no work will be undertaken on these two areas. Ideally, we would take this opportunity to insulate the pitched roofs on the hall and the church. There is insufficient space to install batts in the church roof. The property team are investigating the feasibility of installing batts in the hall roof. If this is feasible, then the cost of insulation would be around \$13,000 and would not need CPT approval.

## Recommendation (an indication of support to be shown on Sunday 12 June):

That the Timaru Presbyterian congregation supports the replacement of hail damaged roofs at Trinity church and hall under the approved insurance claim.

Rory





## 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*

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday, 10.30am via YouTube.

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

<i>12 June</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>19 June</i>	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay Car Park 9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>26 June</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>3 July</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>10 July</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd

**Please Note:** Communion at St Stephens has been moved from Sunday 12 June to Sunday 19 June, just for this month.

## 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.

# TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

**Eat Well Co-op Pickups:** Tuesdays, 3-4 pm at College Rd & Wai-iti Rd  
**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** Mid Winter Luncheon on Wednesday 15 June to be held at Bennys Again at Noon. Lunch available can be a Main Meal off Menu, 'Specials of the Day' from the Board, a light snack, Dessert, or a Treat from counter cabinet. Take your pick. Those wishing to attend please contact Dianne no later than Monday 13 June and also advise if a ride is required to venue. Ph 6860440.

**Jam Session** is on Wednesday 15 June at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm. Contact: Brent

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 19 June.

All welcome.

Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

**Community Lunch** 28TH JUNE 12 noon 4th Tuesday in the month.

Come and join us for a hearty winter 2 course meal.

Where : In our freshly painted hall at St Stephens Wai-iti Rd

We welcome new diners as well as our loyal diners

For more info, Contact Bev PH 686.0858 Sid PH 684.3478 or Church office PH 686.0981

**Bible Society Quiz:** We will have our yearly Bible Society Quiz on **Sunday 31 July** at **St John's Hall**, Wai-iti Rd. We will start at 2pm. Cost:

\$5.00pp or \$20.00per family. Teams can have up to 6 persons.

Afternoon tea provided

# 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*

### ***Minister***

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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 July-August LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 8th July.




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)

Gold Coin Donation

# PLAYGROUP

play & learn for preschoolers



Every Tuesday morning  
 during school term  
 10–11am Trinity Hall College Rd  
 Gold Coin Donation  
 Morning Tea Supplied  
 Helen 021 768 973

## 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)**

# What's coming up?

## Sister Eveleen Retreat House

The retreats we run are live-in opportunities with 5-6 others to take a break from 'normal', and spend time drawing closer to God and your 'true self'. Meals and accommodation are provided.

Here are some of the retreats coming up:

17 - 19 June: Mid-Winter Silent Retreat 1 - 3 July: Creative Play to Nourish the Soul 15 - 17 July (TBC): Centering Prayer Retreat

If you'd like to come up to Sister Eveleen, either as a casual guest or on one of our retreats, get in touch or book in through the website.

For more information and to register for a retreat, check out the website:

<http://www.sistereretreat.com/events>

# RECYCLE OR

# MARKET DAY

Saturday 18 June **STARTING AT 9AM AT**  
Trinity Community Centre, 22 College Rd

Available: Stall for \$20 Car boot for \$10



# Too Much stuff?

each stall responsible for own table, stock, float and removal of leftovers.

ph Dawn 686 0595,

Bev 686 0858

Helen 684 6403 / 021 768 973

# SPRING

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