

PRESBYTERIAN LINK

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The Monthly Newsletter of the
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



Community spirit not dampened



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Capturing the Living Light



Remember the pair of windows in the Trinity chapel, like a giant kaleidoscope? You've passed them many times, but have you like me – taken them for granted as part of the 'wallpaper'. Thinking, "quite a colourful mosaic", and carried on your way?

My eyes were opened and my perception changed by a couple of people from Dunedin visiting Timaru looking at stained glass windows, who contacted me wanting to see our "amazing examples".

What followed was a lesson on not taking anything for granted, and lifting and examining the layers of "what seems to be".

Catherine and Jeffrey wanted to have a look at the windows in the chapel. I have to admit I was not very enthusiastic, with the idea in my head they were not really that outstanding, compared with the ex-St Pauls backlit windows in St Stephen's chapel, and what I was familiar with in Chalmers.

At 9am in the morning, at the end of July I took them into the chapel. At that time of the year, the sun was beaming horizontally directly onto the windows and streaming into the chapel. The multi-faceted slab glass was refracting the light with amazing brilliance in much the same way as a cut diamond.

Our visitors were spellbound. Catherine said she could have sat there all morning watching, as the designs appeared to become magically alive and constantly changing. I could not help but share her enthusiasm.

These windows were executed by Roy Miller of Miller Studios Dunedin and designed by Ken Bunton of England. They produced over 140 windows throughout New Zealand in about 60 churches. Ken never travelled to New Zealand.

The windows at Trinity would have been designed in his studio in Seven Oaks Kent and despatched to Roy. A pity he never saw a finished article.

Using the designs from Ken, Roy would cut and chip the one-inch-thick slabs of glass to fit, using a slab glass diamond cutter and then embedding them in black araldite resin.



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Editorial

In the season of 'Ordinary time' we have been focussing on Jesus' extraordinary teaching from the gospel of Luke.

This includes the sending out of the 72 into the villages to preach the good news. No provision was made for these disciples other than the generous hospitality of those to whom they were sent (Luke 10:1-11). We heard the parable of the Good Samaritan, a man who generously provided for the medical attention of someone robbed and beaten (Luke 10:25-37). **This was followed by Jesus' teaching on prayer in which we are instructed to look to God for our daily bread (Luke 11:1-13).** And then there was the story of the rich fool who built bigger barns for himself, essentially hoarding his wealth (Luke 12:13-21).

The common denominator of these stories is our concern for money. Money makes the world go round they say but it comes with many problems. If you **don't have enough you will struggle to meet your needs but if you have too much you will be tempted to hoard it and then worry about the security of it.** **Jesus' main point seemed to be that we can trust God to provide our needs** which frees us from worry in times of lack and fosters generosity in times of plenty.

Over the past few weeks our Treasurer Rose Hill has been preparing the church budget for the current financial year (July 2022-June 2023). This will be presented to the congregation for approval after a combined service at St Stephens on Sunday 21 August. This congregational meeting will only deal with the budget- the AGM will follow later in the year. The details of the budget and commentary are available in the foyer of each site or upon request from the office.

We are once again forecasting a sizable deficit of **-\$57,000 (ie that's the shortfall of income to expenses)**. Last year the deficit was budgeted for a similar amount (-\$56,000) but was closer to -\$73,000. This was largely due to a decrease in loose offerings and other donations, a reduction in hall hires (due to Covid) and a reduction in investment income. Our envelope offerings (mostly through automatic payments) remain very stable. Against this we have seen some increase in costs, particularly wages and stipends, insurance and electricity.

We have run deficit budgets since 2016, which begs the question; how long can we keep doing that? With our cash reserves of around \$235,000 we *could* last another 4 years averaging \$60,000 deficits. Realistically though we will need to look at restructuring in around 2 years if we do not see a material change in income. While these numbers may look daunting we can turn this picture around. If those attending worship were able to give an average of just



\$10 per week more it would go a long way to eradicating our deficit and provide us the confidence and security to fulfil our mission of being an outward **looking church that lives and shares God's love.**

If you would like more information on how to become a regular supporter of TPP please contact the church office 686 0981 or office@timarupres.org.nz
Blessings, Brent

August Parish Council Report

Margaret Walker opened with a devotion from Psalm 37:5 giving us a **message to always seek God's wisdom for our lives, our decisions and His plan for us.**

Health & Safety - We discussed ways to continue services safely with winter illnesses circulating. As Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) is now more available, Presbytery has suggested that Ministers take a RAT on Saturday mornings, a practice that our ministry team will take on.

In the context of questions about how much to mask, whether to continue morning tea and communion, Andrea shared a new mask infographic from Unite against COVID-19, showing the more people wear masks, the lower the risk of infections. We will continue morning tea for those who wish to take part and we will try out some pre-sealed cups for communion.

2023 opportunities - with Brent being away on study leave and our unique situation with neighbouring parishes we decided to put in an Expression of Interest for an Ministry Intern for 2023.

Parish council agreed to use funding from the EM Scott bequest to invest in community work at Trinity Centre, namely a large screen TV & laptop equipment for Trinity Hall. **We're looking forward to the breaking of the ground for the community garden this weekend.**

With some very cold Sundays and winter illnesses we have had lower numbers attending worship in person over winter. Numbers attending online have been strong. We discussed the idea of moving to combined services for the winter season in future. This could be an opportunity to connect, renew our thinking (and save on power!) We plan to put out a questionnaire to hear how our congregation and community would feel about this for the future.

Parish council agreed that a combined service and congregational meeting will be held on **21st August, 10.30am at St Stephens**. This meeting will be to consider the parish budget for the 2022/23 financial year. Budget documents will be provided at worship on the 7th of August, and will be available in the church foyers and from the office thereafter. The mission group has planned a Pizza lunch after the service to help us reconnect and to raise

The Mission Moments for the next 3 months are :

August - **Support for our church's World Vision children (2)**

September - Eatwell - help with costs of Fruit and vegetable bags that are donated to Family Works

October - Refugee Resettlement

Trinity Hall is frequently abuzz with many groups using our excellent facilities. These include Girls and Boys Brigades, Rhythm Kids, Playgroup, English as a second language and Yoga for Seniors, and soon to have a Community garden as well.

Great to see "life" around our buildings!

Elaine.

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**

In Memoriam



Emma Steven
Derek Hughes
Kit Henshaw

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

Matthew 5:8

SHARE THE GIFT OF GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS



THE FAMILY WORKS CHRISTMAS

Angel project will enable your staff/group or school to buy gifts/gift vouchers, experiences etc for a local family in need this Christmas. Many local families are really struggling and providing **Christmas for their children seems so unattainable... just a dream**—you can help their dreams come true.

HOW IT WORKS

Family Works will identify the families most in need in our community and will give you a profile of this family (e.g Mum & 3 kids, their ages and interests). You and your staff then shop for the family based on the profile (presents, Supermarket and petrol vouchers, warehouse vouchers, movie tickets, swim passes, edible treats, books, board games, puzzles). Family works will collect the gifts from you or you can drop off on designated delivery dates. These gifts will then be delivered to your family just before Christmas—**anonymity is the key to this project and everyone's privacy is protected.**

You can decide how this would work best for your business, group or school and how involved your staff/ group will become in the project. Support some of **South Canterbury's most vulnerable families** and become a Christmas Angel today.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING

Christmas can be a joyous time, it can also be a time of extreme struggle and stress for some South Canterbury Families. With your help these families can have a magical Christmas.

LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER

Family Works - Sponsor a family for Christmas project

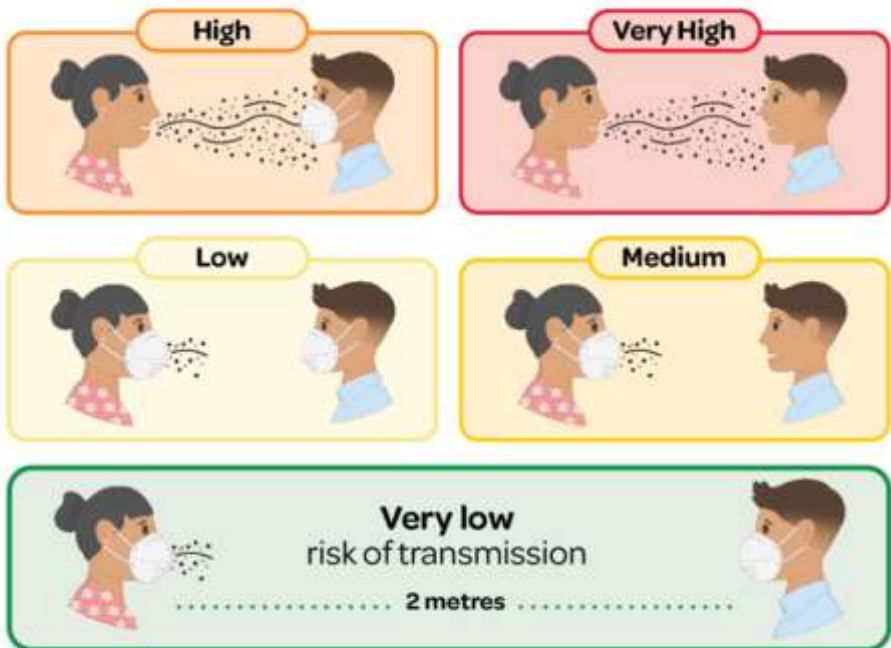


Go on line to register at:

pssc.org.nz/the-christmas-angel-project
or email ChristmasAngels@pssc.co.nz



COVID-19 Risk of Transmission





The weather and many apologies determined a less than desired outcome for the much anticipated 'Blessing of the Sod' gathering for the Trinity Community Garden and 'Have your Say' however in spite of it raining heavily along with the cold wind the sense and warmth of Gods spirit was surely amongst those who gathered together on Sunday afternoon. Conversations, laughter and delicious food, carried us through. We look forward to creating the garden and connecting with the surrounding communities. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the gathering most worthwhile.

Helen

Mission Group

AFTER the combined Service and Budget Discussion: Sunday 21st August. The Mission Group is having a PIZZA LUNCH to raise funds for Christian World Service's latest project, which is the prevention of exploitation of female workers in both work and boarding house situations in Sri Lanka.

COST : a donation.



July Worship Recap

Joy provided us with a rich summary of July's worship services. Here is an abbreviated copy:

"We reflect on a busy, fulfilling month of worship, so ably led by our ministers, musicians, readers, prayer givers and technicians. Loyal welcomers, flower arrangers and morning tea providers enhance our worship and fellowship each week."

"Naaman healed of leprosy was the reading from 2 kings 5: 1-14 on 3 July. Rev Rory noted that Old Testament readings can be harder to relate to - two kings from rival nations rule while the prophet Elisha is calling these kings to account. Posturing and bickering contrasts to the way God works. In the reading we see the character of God embodied among the slaves and servants; where do we see ourselves in this story? Do we desire greatness, or are we like the servant girl who brought healing to Naaman, and indeed the nations. Through the smallest act of grace and love, great healing and great change can come. Micah 6:8 urges us to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God".

July 10 our reading was from Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan; Rev Brent reminded us that this is a parable that teaches us to reach across cultural and racial divides. We are called to love God with our whole heart, flowing into loving our neighbour and receiving unexpected love in unexpected ways, but with the expected result that God will be praised and glorified.

The Journey 21 fellowship gathered as usual outside CBay on the third Sunday, 17 July. This month Anne had prepared the topic 'To be a Pilgrim'.

On July 17 our reading continued in Luke 10: 38-42 with Martha and Mary. Rev Rory introduced this familiar story by asking "Should we be looking at it in a different way? Is it only talking about grace vs works/ busyness vs devotion? When Mary sits at Jesus' feet she is breaking cultural boundaries. In the ancient world only men were supposed to sit at the feet of a teacher. Jesus however, affirms her. Jesus is teaching us all to listen carefully to the heartbeat of the gospel and ask 'who are we seeking? On what doors are we knocking? Where is Jesus inviting us to be, in spite of our circumstances?'

July 24 Rev Brent spoke to the reading from Luke 11: 1-13, Jesus teaching on prayer. Christians are generous, usually attend worship and importantly, Christians pray. Jesus' disciples asked Him 'please teach us to pray' - was this an unusual request given their life as loyal Jews? Weren't they familiar with prayer?

Jesus' teaching of prayer was in a parent/child relationship; 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name'. They were taught to ask, seek,

knock, to never give up. God is a Father who gives good gifts, most importantly the Holy Spirit. Pray and seek the Father's heart in whatever season of life we find ourselves.

With five Sundays in July, the reading for July 31 was Luke 12:13-21, the parable of the rich fool, which Rev Rory renamed Trusting God for our Future. Instead of grasping after what is given freely, we can see that we are indeed blessed with an inheritance. When we grasp with bitterness, our world gets smaller. When we give with love our world gets bigger. As the receivers of this inheritance we must find the way where we choose to generously follow God's path of reaching out to one another in love, in a variety of ways."

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Catherine phoned me a few days later and reinforced how much they had enjoyed the windows. They also took the opportunity to look at other notable windows while in Timaru but were most moved and impressed by those in Trinity Chapel. You have something very special she said.

I encourage you to sit and look deeply into those windows. See how the light plays on them, and they change before your eyes. The mosaic changes into squares, you start to see trees, crosses and gold pathways. Your heart sings!

Ken F



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 349 WAI-ITI ROAD



PLANT SALE

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

Plant Sale coming up on the 17th September:

Do you have time to help with potting up plants for the Plant Sale? Can you help by growing or giving a plant to pot up? Do you have any potting or seed mix to spare?



Seeking the Christmas Cactus (Zygocactus):

Have you this plant in your house and can spare bits of it. This plant has become very popular.

I want to grow it for the PLANT SALE.

if you can help please contact Bev 686 0858.

WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

<i>14 August</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>21 August</i>	9.00am Journey 21 C-Bay car park 10.30am Combined Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>28 August</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>4 September</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>11 September</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd 10.30am Worship & Communion @ 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

Yoga for Seniors: 2pm on Thurs in the 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

TIMARU PARISH EVENTS

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.

Jam Session is on Wednesday 17 August at St Stephens, 7.00 to 8.30pm.
Contact: Brent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP Meets Wednesday 17 August at Wai-iti Road WorshipCentre starting at 12.30pm with a shared Lunch. Sales Table. Guest Speaker: Ingrid Davies-Martin of the Timaru District Library speaking on the Services and Courses offered by the Library to the Community. Apologies or rides please contact Dianne 6860440, Dawn 686 0595, Robyn 686 1948

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

Community Lunch Our last lunch date went ahead despite a very cold day. We served 31 meals thanks to our brave people who put their coats on and ventured out.

We are back again for August, serving our lunch from St Stephens Church Hall.

We invite you Tuesday 23rd August 12 noon

We serve a 2 course meal . Cost \$10 payable at the door

Contact Bev PH 686 0858 Sid 684 3478 Office 686 0981

Bible Society Cheese-roll fund raiser: 14 August delivery date postponed to 28 August as some members have Covid. We will make our famous cheese rolls on **Saturday 27 August** for distribution at church on the following Sunday. Besides the usual white and brown bread we will use Molenberg bread as a third option. But because it is more expensive and there are less slices per bread, it will be \$1.00 more per doz.

Prices: Normal white or brown bread: \$7.00per doz, \$25.00 for 4 doz;

Molenberg bread: \$8.00per doz and \$30.00 for 4 doz. For more

information ring Evi Frank on 684 5399 or email me on

mama@newfrankland.org

If you are able to help in making the cheese-rolls, we would welcome you from 9am on Saturday 27 August at St John's church hall, Wai-iti Rd. Evi

TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Worship Centres

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22 College Rd, Timaru South

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Not available Fridays

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LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the September-October LINK should be emailed to link@timarupres.org.nz or sent to the Church Office by Friday 9 September.

Girls Brigade

As part of our badge work we have been recycling and the girls made handbags out of jeans they were judged by Timaru sewing centre and we had a prize giving . The girls worked really hard.

Fiona



10-11am
Thursday

See you
there

Trinity Community Centre
22 College Road

Bring a healthy snack for your child
Morning tea for carers supplied
Contact Helen 021768973 for more info
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movement
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during school term
10-11am Trinity Hall College Rd
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Morning Tea Supplied
Helen 021 768 973



Girls and Boys Brigade



**Bags of Kindling for sale
\$10 a bag**

**Contact Fiona
688 0375**



Girls Brigade

Some girls made Pyjama pants and pillow cases. There has been a lot of work done by the leaders and girls. A big thank you to Catherine for presenting prizes to the girls. Watch out for our next project.

Fiona



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