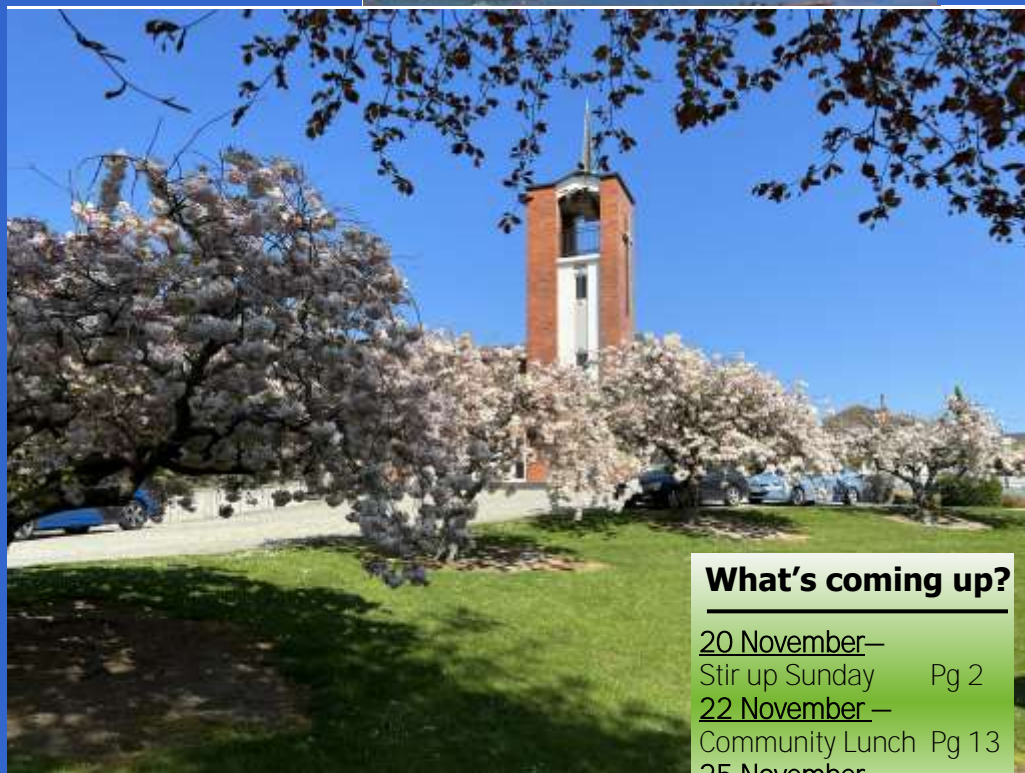


# PRESBYTERIAN LINK

*November-December 2022 No 145*

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Timaru Presbyterian Parish



The beautiful blossom trees at  
Trinity Church, Labour weekend Sunday.

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

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## What's been happening?



Left: Margaret Littler- Sunday takings for Family Works Foodbank.

Right: For an update on the roof at Trinity (Church and Hall) go to Pages 6 and 7.



## What's coming up?



Combined Stir-Up  
Sunday 20 November  
at Trinity 9.30am

With the Festive Season rapidly approaching it is time to make our Christmas cake.

'STIR-UP' Sunday will take place at a combined service to be held at Trinity Church on Sunday 20th November, when we will be making our very own TPP Christmas Cake.

**If you wish to be a 'Stir-up' Helper, (and we need 9, maybe more), be at church extra early to get your instructions.**

# Editorial

It's that time of year again!

By the time you read this, we will be in the season of Advent, and looking forward to Christmas.

As usual, we have a full calendar during this period. Here are just a few highlights that I'm looking forward to, and you might too.



- **Christmas services:** This year we will enjoy Heiligabend with the Frank family in the Trinity chapel at 6pm on Christmas Eve. If you haven't been before, I'd encourage you to join us. It's a wonderful service, filled with joy and music.
- We will also have our traditional midnight Carols service on Christmas Eve, followed by Christmas cake, and even a nightcap before we go home. A service of worship and wonder.
- Finally, we will share a Christmas morning service (on a Sunday this year!) where Brent will lead us with fun and hope for the year ahead.
- Christmas Carols in the Botanic Gardens. On Thursday 15th December the TCMA is combining together for a carols service from 7-8:30pm at the band rotunda. It is always a pleasure to join together as the Body of Christ
- **Slightly off the topic of worship**, but we're delighted that the South Canterbury Museum is hosting an exhibition focused on the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Orari Gorge. This exhibit is largely based on the loving work of our very own Hermann Frank. Do check it out!



As the year draws to a close, and we look forward to a new one, I invite you to reflect on these questions in your prayer life:

What are you grateful for in the year gone by? When have you been in need of grace, or comfort? How has God been at work in your life? And what can you look forward to in 2023? How might God's blessing be out-worked in your life this coming year?

Grace and peace to you this Christmas,

Rory

# November Parish Council Report

Rev Rory led us in devotions from Psalm 145 v 1-5 A Psalm of Praise. In Difficult times praise and thanksgiving do not come easy to us. We need to be brought out of our orbit into Gods presence.

Jim Garden is standing down as Convenor of the Administration Committee. Thank you for all your work.

A group will be formed with Administration members and Parish Councillors to **consider the various options available when insuring the church's property** in the future. They will report back with their recommendations.

Replacing of Church roof is going well. Hall roof replacement started on 7 November and will be insulated at same time.

It is pleasing to see an increase in Eat Well orders following some activity on Facebook Community notices.

October Bucket/Moment mission made \$304.80 for CWS Pakistan. November was for Leprosy Mission. December mission will be for Family Works- Christmas Angels project.

Buy & Supply funds for 13 Nov – 19 Dec Family Works- Grandparents raising Grandchildren and for 8 January – 12 February – Bike helmets for Resettlement families with PSSC Garden installation set up went well on Saturday 16 October. Rhythm Kids families have taken some little gardens to sprout ready to go into the gardens.

Cooking classes trial began on November 7 for four weeks. Looking at ways to be able to give participants a gift of utensils and mixing bowls to support them. The worship schedule has been approved for November and December.

Rev Martin Stewart, Alpine Presbytery Executive Officer will be preaching on 4 December. Brent will be doing a pulpit swap with Rev Johanna Warren on 18 December at Ashburton

The ministers have been busy with Pastoral work along with all the other tasks they do. Rory will now be the Interim Moderator and Ministry Settlement Board Convenor for MacKenzie Co-op parish. They however will have half time Supply ministry from February 2022 when that minister finishes his three quarters supply term at Amberly. Brent continues in his same roles for Pleasant Point and Temuka parishes. Meetings are being held to discuss the way forward for the parishes.

Brent and Rory will be attending the PCANZ One Conference in Wellington 17-19 November. Brent will be on leave 28 November to 1 December testing out his fitness by walking the Routeburn track.

**Parish Council received Rory's Ministry Development Plan summary.**

Judith Begg

# **SNIPPETS from the Mission Group Meeting**

At our recent Mission Group meeting it was great to hear of 6 new inquiries for our Eatwell bags. All this happened through a facebook inquiry, and also possibly triggered by the soaring fruit and vegetable prices.

**As the saying goes ,”Old habits die hard”** - thirteen years in fact! Well, at St.Paul’s the monthly mission highlight was called **Mission Moment**, and St. Stephen’s it was/is called **Bucket Mission**, using an actual bucket. To simplify things, from now on it will be called **Bucket Mission** at both **St. Stephen’s and Trinity** - each with their own buckets.

The following are the bucket mission dates for the remainder of the year:

Leprosy Mission - held on November 6th and \$266 was raised. A great effort!

Christmas Angels (a Family Works initiative) - December 4th.

Buy and Supply has been running for several weeks now raising funds for Grand parents raising Grandchildren till mid December.

The charity that Buy and Supply will be supporting over the holiday period - (8th.January till 12th. February) is Bike helmets for Refugee Children.

From mid November( 13th) there will be marked boxes in each foyer for **Women’s Refuge Christmas gifts**. **The organisation was extremely grateful** for the past help from our church, and this year would really appreciate gifts for children in the 3 to 8 year old age bracket. It was suggested that these gifts could be suitable toys for that age group or educational material such as colouring books and puzzles etc.

In conjunction with Family Works a cooking programme has started at Trinity (Nov. 7th). This will be a pilot programme teaching basic cookery techniques. These 3hour classes will run for 4 weeks. Most of the ingredients will be supplied by Family Works. At the end of the session each participant will be presented with a small gift eg. potato peeler, fish slice etc.

It was really good to hear that Rhythm Kids got off to a very good start at the beginning of the new term. They had a visit from a group of 9 Kindy Kids from the Hanan Kindergarten. From all accounts it was a great success.

**Early in January we will be organising a carton labelled “Pantry Box”** in both foyers collecting groceries items for our new intern and his family who will be with us in February.

Elaine F

## "Any old Iron?"

The re-roofing of Trinity church and hall is going well. The church is finished with the scaffolding due to be removed this week. We also renewed three of the glass panels in the Skylight over the apse which were also damaged by the giant hailstones of the November 2019 storm.



Last sheet on Church.



Toys for the boys!

Work is now in full swing on the hall, and the team should be well advanced by the time you read this. It will take longer than the church because the flat surround area is to be replaced, whereas on the church this iron (around the side porch and frontage) was older and heavier and stood up

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Starting on the hall.



to the onslaught.

While the roofing damage was an unexpected disaster, there is often a silver lining in these things. We have a one-time opportunity to insulate the main hall area and we are proceeding with this, working in with the roofers and insulation specialists. It is a natural wool-based product, cleaner and longer lasting than conventional pink batts.



Waiting in line –Natural wool product

As the hall is being used more and more, this will provide a warmer and safer environment in the winter months, and give extra justification for considering a more modern and effective heating system.



We are grateful for the professionalism and good work of our lead contractors Dan Cosgrove Ltd, our amazing team of roofers South Canterbury Roofers Ltd. insulation experts Energy Smart, and glaziers Specialty Glass Ltd. All we need now is a few more fine days!



Ken F

# Cooking Classes at Trinity Community Centre

Pam Gibson and myself were thrilled to welcome the participants on Monday morning for the first of four cooking sessions. One of the intending people **couldn't come so we were delighted to have Gordon join us. What a great** time we had. Prior to the actual lesson starting, Pam and I demonstrated how quickly you can make a quiche which was put in the oven to cook while the Spaghetti Bolognese and Lasagne recipes were prepared to perfection to take home ready to reheat in the Tinfoil containers for their evening meal. We enjoyed sitting together eating the quiche and having a much needed cup of tea / coffee to finish. It was full on and we enjoyed every moment.

Helen



## ***Orari Gorge: Nature's Hidden Gem***

The opening is on that Friday 25 November, but the exhibition will run until end of March. It focuses on the ecosystems and biodiversity in the Orari Gorge and the wider area. Big photo displays along with relevant information highlight the landscape aspects as well as plants and animals occurring there. Not many South Cantabrians know about this interesting hidden part of our region.



You are cordially invited to the opening of

***Orari Gorge: Nature's Hidden Gem***

At the South Canterbury Museum on 25 November at 5:30pm. All welcome, no RSVP necessary

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## Greetings

At the recent World Council of Churches Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, real effort was made to have significant youth representation. And the youth voice was loud and strident, especially around the need for Christian action on the issue of climate emergency. They spoke out for the children of the world who will inherit a world that the older generations shape and form by the things they decide and the way they live.

This was an inspiring, timely and relevant message because:

- **Half of the world's population is under 30 or younger.**
- By 2030 this will rise to 57% and the decisions the older generations make now will hugely impact their future lives.
- In the Western world, younger generations have experienced an alarming increase in levels of anxiety through the COVID pandemic.
- Children and youth are largely missing from our churches.
- The scriptures are clear in the call to connect life-giving faith with the **children, nowhere more so than Deuteronomy 6 which calls us to impress God's loving commandments on our children, "to talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up".**

In response to this need to connect with the young, Pope John Paul II in 1985 instigated an event called World Youth Day (WYD). Sometimes nicknamed in later years as the 'Catholic Woodstock' it has proven incredibly effective! The 1995, the World Youth Day closing Mass in the Philippines set a world record for the largest number of people gathered for a single religious event with 5 million attendees. A wonderfully successful response to the need to connect with our young.

**In a similar way in 1954 the UN instigated World Children's Day. It is celebrated on 20 November and the theme this year is 'Inclusion, for every child'.**

What can we do in our local churches?

- Listen to the [UN messaging](#) for 2022 that seeks to amplify the message that action is needed across all generations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leave no one behind. The catch cry **'Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages'** is so in tune with my Moderator theme of Empowering Generations.
- Look for ways to empower voices, ideas, and opinions of children in our churches.
- Orientate our way of being church to the younger generations.

This week I was lamenting to our PCANZ Mission Resource Team about a recent combined service of five local churches that I was part of organising. While the **numbers were great and the service was inspirational, and 'a good time was had by all', there were only five children present! Rev Robin Humphreys, Director, PCANZ Children and Families Ministry, brought me up with a start when she asked me if the service was orientated to families, youth and children. Absolutely not I thought! We get what we aim for. Maybe it is well past time to adjust our aim.**

**Right Rev Hamish Galloway**

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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## Trinity Community Centre Security

There are a number of people in the parish who have the security code numbers for the locks on the Community Centre entry doors from the ramp door to the hall and to the Basement door. The Basement is being used for storage exclusively for the Refugee Settlement Services. It has been noted that someone or more people have accessed this area without authority leaving items that compromise the sorting process that is being undertaken. Specific days and times are in the process of being confirmed for people to bring any items you may wish to donate.

Therefore, if you are an authorised code holder, please contact the office for the new code.

## Room Name competition

Room 1,2 &3 at the Trinity Community Centre are how the various spaces have been referred to right from day one!!!! We are inviting you to come up with alternatives that can better reflect the spaces.

**Room 1** is the very sunny bright space on the western end of the community centre.

**Room 2** is on the opposite side of the building and also very Sunny.

**Room 3** is the smaller room in between the men's toilets and Room 2.

*If you can come up with some positive catchy and worthy names, please put them in writing and put in the box at each worship site by the end of January. You will get the chance to vote!!*

# WORSHIP @ TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

Live streaming every Sunday

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

<i>20 November</i>	9.00am Journey 21, C-Bay carpark.
	9.30am Combined Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
<i>27 November</i>	9.30am Worship & Communion @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
	10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>4 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
	10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>11 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
	10.30am Worship & Communion @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
<i>18 December</i>	9.30am Worship @ Trinity, 22 College Rd
	10.30am Worship @ St Stephens, 349 Wai-iti Rd
	2.30pm Trinity Chapel Memorial Service

## 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

# 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

**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 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.

**Journey 21:** Meets at C-Bay carpark. 9am, Sunday 20 November.

Theme: Advent - A season for hope

All welcome. Contact: Ellen ph 027 7723 146

**Jam Session** No Jam Session in December. Contact: Brent

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH GROUP** Has finished for the year

**Community Lunch** Our final lunch for this year will be held on Tuesday Nov 22nd. This will be our Christmas Special.

Cost \$10 payable at the door.

Contact Bev PH 686 0858 Sid 684 3478 Office 686 0981

## In Memoriam



Margaret Davidson

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

Matthew 5:8

# TIMARU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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*Not available Fridays*

### ***Parish Clerk***

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## LINK DEADLINE

Copy for the December-February LINK should be emailed to [link@timarupres.org.nz](mailto:link@timarupres.org.nz) or sent to the Church Office by Friday 9 December.

# Boys Brigade.

Boys Brigade has changed our official uniform and were given a grant to pay for our uniforms. This is Charlie modelling the new uniform



Fiona

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# Girls Brigade.

The girls have been learning how to ice Christmas cakes. All girls iced a cake each.



These cakes will be given out at our gift giving night.

Fiona

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